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State data: Drivers speeding up

One-third of motorists on Interstate 95 are eclipsing 70 mph

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Drivers on Connecticut highways say that fellow motorists have been zooming past them at speeds that are faster than ever.

Now there's proof.

The state transportation department has been charting speeds at various spots along five major highways and the numbers show

faster drivers during the morning and afternoon commutes across the state.

On I-95 in Branford, for example, a combined total of 32% of all drivers this past November were going over 70 miles per hour, solidly above the speed limit. Nearly 35% of drivers on I-95 in Lyme were cruising above 70 miles per hour in November. During the depths of the pandemic in April of 2020, a third of drivers on I-95 in Norwalk were racing along above 70 miles per hour.

Those speeds represent an increase when compared to November 2018 and even doubling in some cases, according to state

statistics. Three years ago, 1.34% of drivers in Branford were traveling 81 to 85 mph, which jumped to 3.52% now. In addition, only 0.4% of drivers were going faster than 85 mph, but that increased to 0.94% — more than double.

The speeds have captured the attention of state legislators, who passed a bill earlier this year that will allow the transportation department to install portable speed detection devices that will record speeds and issue tickets to violators. The speed and license plate numbers will be recorded in a similar fashion to those at

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State data shows that many drivers are rushing down highways at high speeds. Merritt Parkway in Hamden is among five locations the transportation department has been tracking. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**



Cromwell/Portland's Theodore Williams, center, and Connor Egan, right, hold up the championship trophy after the Panthers' 21-6 win over Bloomfield in the Class S championship game in Trumbull on Saturday. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

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RIGHT: Killingly's Ben Jax tackles Rockville's Jevon Osborne in the first half of the Class M championship game at Veterans Memorial Stadium in New Britain. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Dozens killed in spate of storms

Ky. slammed hardest as history-making swarm hits 5 states

By Bruce Schreiner and Jim Salter
Associated Press

MAYFIELD, Ky. — A monstrous tornado, carving a track that could rival the longest on record, ripped through the middle of the U.S. in a storm-front that killed dozens and tore apart a candle factory, crushed a nursing home, derailed a train and smashed an Amazon warehouse.

"I pray that there will be another rescue. I pray that there will be another one or two," Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear said, as crews sifted through the wreckage of the candle factory in Mayfield, where 110 people were working overnight Friday when the storm hit. Forty of them were rescued.

"We had to, at times, crawl over casualties to get to live victims," said Jeremy Creason, the city's fire chief and EMS director.

In Kentucky, 22 were confirmed dead by Saturday afternoon. But Beshear said upward of 70 may have been killed when a twister touched down for more than 200 miles in his state and that the number of deaths could eventually exceed 100 across 10 or more counties.

The death toll of 36 across five states includes six people in Illinois, where an Amazon facility was hit; four in Tennessee; two in Arkansas, where a nursing home was destroyed; and two in Missouri.

Fearly reports are confirmed, the twister "will likely go down perhaps as one of the longest track violent tornadoes in United States history," said Victor Genzini, a researcher on

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Activists: Lamont's climate strategy should go further

Governor pushes new proposals after regional initiative was shelved

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

With the multi-state Transportation and Climate Initiative on the shelf amid opposition from Republicans and infighting among Democrats, Gov. Ned Lamont says he will use some of the millions of dollars in new federal assistance to reduce Connecticut's carbon emissions.

"We'll be able to accomplish a lot

of what we wanted to do with TCI," Lamont said. "I think we can do everything we anticipated doing for the next couple of years."

Specifically, Lamont's office says, that means installing thousands of electric vehicle charging stations at large parking lots, malls, gas stations and other places people congregate, as well as completely replacing the state's fleet of diesel buses with electric ones over the next decade.

Some climate activists, however, question whether Lamont's plans are ambitious enough, especially at a

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Trinity seeks to partner in plans for Parkville innovation district

Trinity College is seeking to become a partner in the city's push to build a 21st-century innovation corridor in the Parkville neighborhood — a smaller yet still strong version of what Yale University has done for biotech in New Haven. **Sunday CT, Page 1**

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time when the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection says Connecticut isn't on track to meet its emissions targets. In early November, a coalition of climate groups sent Lamont a letter outlining 18 executive actions his administration could take without legislative approval, such as ceasing permits for fossil fuel power plants, purchasing electric vehicles for the state fleet and sourcing electricity for state buildings from renewable energy.

"There is a lot that can be done with the federal funds," said Tom Swan, executive director of the Connecticut Citizen Action Group. "But that doesn't wash the state's hands from having to act, and especially the governor having to act."

Lamont spokesperson Max Reiss said that the governor's office had received the letter from climate groups and that "there are definitely pieces in there that the governor definitely supports," such as the purchase of electric vehicles and the greater use of renewable energy for state buildings. As for halting permits for power plants, a focus for many environmentalists, Reiss said Lamont is open to moving in that direction but "isn't going to sacrifice things like grid stability."

Speaking after a recent event celebrating the production of electric vehicle chargers in Connecticut, Lamont defended his commitment to climate action after his failure to pass TCI, a cap-and-invest program that would have reduced transportation emissions while raising tens of millions annually for green infrastructure. The multi-state initiative fell apart last month after Lamont said he didn't expect to have the votes in the state legislature and would no longer push the proposal.

The governor said he'd received pushback on TCI from Republicans as well as fellow Democrats and that some legislators who paid "lip service" on climate had backed off when given the chance to pass a bill. He said he hopes to revive TCI in the future.

But even with TCI off the table for now, major legislation to reduce Connecticut's transportation emissions could come up for debate during next year's legislative session. Sen. Christine Cohen, a Democrat who chairs the Environment Committee, said recently



A rising tide churned by a nor'easter breaches the seawall at Eastern Point on Oct. 26 in Groton. With the multi-state Transportation and Climate Initiative on the shelf, Gov. Ned Lamont says he will use some of the millions of dollars in new federal assistance to reduce Connecticut's carbon emissions. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

that she plans to push a bill that would create new emissions standards for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles.

The proposal is popular with climate activists — "100%, that's got to happen," Sierra Club Connecticut state director Samantha Dynowski said — but Lamont isn't ready to commit.

"I'm not sure," the governor said. "I just don't know enough about it right now."

Lori Brown, executive director of the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters, notes that the Governor's Council on Climate Change has set ambitious goals for emissions reduction. What's missing, she said, has been the action necessary to achieve them.

"All of our environmental and energy policies have to be aligned with our goals — our stated, mandated goals," Brown said. "Our overarching effort is going to be making sure there is accountability for all the agencies and all the programs and all the projects that they are in sync with the goals."

Pressure to act

Amid higher temperatures, rising sea levels and more frequent storms, climate change has become increasingly salient for Connecticut residents. During a recent public radio appearance, Lamont faced more listener questions



Lamont speaks with the media as Connecticut's Department of Energy & Environmental Protection Commissioner Katie Dykes looks on Sept. 3. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

about climate than about any other subject, with several callers questioning his leadership on the issue in light of the TCI saga.

In response, Lamont restated his commitment to lowering Connecticut's emissions and again touted the federal infrastructure bill.

Asked by the Courant how residents should square his stated support for climate action with a relative lack of concrete progress, the governor said he simply needed more time.

"These things take patience, and you've got to push," said Lamont, who is running for reelection in 2022. "Thankfully, young people

appreciate these things more than their grandparents do, so I think it's going to come. Maybe not this year, maybe not next year, but soon."

What would he say to young people who worry that time is running out, that there's no time to put off sweeping action?

"Look at how much we're doing right now under this infrastructure bill," Lamont said. "You're going to have thousands of charging stations, and the vast majority of our transportation system is going to be all electric in the next 10-15 years. That's not bad."

At least for the short-term,

federal money is central to the Lamont administration plans. Though much of that funding that could arrive in the coming months will require matches from states, Lamont said Connecticut is well-positioned to foot its share of the bill, due in part to a rise in gas tax revenue resulting from high fuel prices.

Katie Dykes, commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, said the failure to pass TCI was "disappointing" but that the process left the state well-equipped for an influx of federal dollars.

"There's still a ton of momentum going on, a lot of learning from the TCI process that we're going to be applying to how we invest the infrastructure dollars," Dykes said. "I've been telling everyone, stay at the table, stay in the conversation, because there's a lot more work to be done, and this state is going to be looking very different over the next couple of months and years as we move those dollars forward."

Not everyone is sold. Charles Rothenberger, a climate and energy attorney for the environmental group Save the Sound, said TCI must be revived as soon as possible if Connecticut is to reduce emissions long-term.

"I think the assessment that we'll be able to basically replace TCI with these [federal] funds is not an accurate assessment," Rothenberger said. "These funds are limited, they're a one-time-only infusion. For the most part these funds will be available over a five-year period, and we're not solving our climate problems in five years."

Brown, from the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters, said support for TCI among a broad swath of lawmakers gave her hope for future climate fights. At the same time, she doesn't want to hear that legislation to curb emissions could be years away.

As Lamont and other key legislators face reelection next year, Brown said she hopes they'll view climate as a winning issue and resist pressure from interest groups seeking to stall necessary action.

"We need our lawmakers to lean into climate, not shy away from policy," Brown said. "The tendency in election years is to shy away, but we really need to bring our champions to the forefront talking about climate."

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Tornadoes

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extreme weather at Northern Illinois University.

The longest tornado on record, in March 1925, tracked for about 220 miles through Missouri, Illinois and Indiana. But Genzini said this twister may have had touched down for nearly 250 miles. The storm was all the more remarkable because it came in December, when normally colder weather limits tornadoes, he said.

Debris covered the ground in Mayfield, a city of about 10,000 in western Kentucky. Twisted metal sheeting, downed power lines and wrecked vehicles lined the streets. The missing at the candle factory included Janine Denise Johnson Williams, a 50-year-old mother of four whose family members kept vigil at the site Saturday.

“It’s Christmastime and she works at a place that’s making candles for gifts,” her brother, Darryl Williams, said. “To give up the gift of life to make a gift. We haven’t heard anything, and I’m not presuming anything. But I’m expecting for the worst.”

He said Johnson Williams called her husband overnight to report the weather was getting bad, the last time anyone heard from her.

Kentucky State Trooper Sarah Burgess said rescue crews were using heavy equipment to move rubble at the candle factory. Coroners were called to the scene and bodies were recovered, but she didn’t know how many. She said it could take a day and potentially longer to remove all of the rubble.

Rescue efforts were complicated because Mayfield’s main fire station and emergency services hub were also hit by the tornado, Creason said.

President Joe Biden approved an emergency disaster declaration for Kentucky on Saturday and pledged to support the affected states.

“I promise you, whatever is needed ... — whatever is needed — the federal government is going to find a way to provide it,” Biden said.

Six people were killed in the collapse of the Amazon warehouse in Edwardsville, Illinois, with another injured worker airlifted to a hospital, fire Chief James Whiteford said.

Investigators searched the rubble throughout the day for additional victims and 45 people survived, Whiteford said. Authorities were uncertain Saturday evening whether anyone was still unaccounted because workers were in the midst of a shift change when it was struck by the tornado about 8:30 p.m. Friday.

“This is a devastating trag-



Matt Steele, right, digs through the remains of a house destroyed by a tornado in Bowling Green, Ky., on Saturday. MICHAEL CLUBB/AP

edy for our Amazon family and our focus is on supporting our employees and partners,” Amazon spokesperson Richard Rocha said in a written statement.

Workers at a National Weather Service office had to take shelter as a tornado passed nearby in Weldon Spring, Missouri, about 30 miles west of St. Louis. One person died and two others were injured in building collapses near the towns of Defiance and New Melle.

In Arkansas, a tornado struck a nursing home in Monette, killing one and trapping 20 people inside as the building collapsed, Craighead County Judge Marvin Day told The Associated Press. Five people had serious injuries, he said.

Mandi Sanders, a nursing home employee, was folding laundry when she heard the tornado warning. Looking out the window, she and her colleagues saw the twister barreling toward them, illuminated by lightning and sparks flying from downed power lines.

“It was like a roaring train,” Sanders said.

The nursing home went into what is called code black, as staffers pushed residents’ beds into the hallway and helped them use pillows to cover their heads to protect from flying glass.

As walls caved in and the ceiling was ripped off, Sanders shielded one of the residents with her body.

Another person died when the storm hit a Dollar General store in nearby Leachville, Gov. Asa Hutchinson said.

The New York Times contributed.



ABOVE: This satellite photo provided by Maxar shows the Mayfield Consumer Products candle factory and nearby buildings after a tornado caused heavy damage in the area in Mayfield, Ky. MAXAR TECHNOLOGIES VIA AP

LEFT: Crews move in for search and rescue operations at the Amazon distribution center in Edwardsville, Ill. Overnight storms caused the building to partially collapse with confirmed fatalities, according to police. The roof was ripped off, and a wall about the length of a football field collapsed. DANIEL SHULAR/ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH VIA AP

Speed

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tolls in other states, where drivers without an EZ Pass currently receive a notice in the mail about their payment.

Under a pilot program, the speed cameras could be deployed by mid-to-late 2022, officials said.

If current trends continue in the final three weeks of the year, Connecticut could have the most traffic fatalities in a single year since comprehensive records started being kept in 1994, officials said. The total could potentially reach more than 330 fatalities on highways and local roads, compared to 208 in 2011, 246 in the pre-pandemic year of 2019, and 307 in the pandemic year of 2020, according to the Connecticut Transportation Safety Research Center at the University of Connecticut.

Besides I-95, speeds are also being tracked on a regular basis on the Merritt Parkway in Hamden and Trumbull.

Andrew Matthews, a retired sergeant who now serves as executive director of the state troopers union, said there has been less enforcement against speeders for several reasons, including that there are far fewer troopers on the high-

ways than in the past. The traffic unit had 62 troopers in 2010 and has only 19 now, he said. Overall, the total number of troopers has dropped from a peak of 1,283 under Republican Gov. M. Jodi Rell to less than 900 at times, depending on retirements and the number of rookies training in the police academy.

“COVID really affected the interaction between law enforcement and the public,” Matthews said in an interview. “Initially, there was a real concern. We didn’t know how people could be contagious or how it was spreading. We were being very careful on self-initiated motor vehicle stops. It wasn’t just here in Connecticut. It was a national issue, where there was high speeds and more fatalities.”

He added, “To be fair, the police accountability [law] really affected it with a dramatic increase in criticism and attacks on law enforcement. People were less apt to be proactive and do more self-initiated motor vehicle stops because of the constant complaints and the attacks on law enforcement. ... We just don’t feel there’s a lot of support.”

Another issue is that the state police have a policy that they do not chase traffic violators for fear of causing even more accidents

or deaths in high-speed pursuits. Troopers, he said, will not chase if a high-performance car zooms by them at 120 mph.

“We specifically have a no-pursuit policy unless a felony has occurred or some life-or-death situation,” Matthews said. “It’s not for motor vehicle violations anymore. You start to attempt to make a motor vehicle stop, and you call into the troop and say they’re not stopping, the duty sergeant is calling you off.”

The troopers are opposed to the speed cameras, saying it would be safer to have troopers on the site.

“We have unprotected work zones out on the highways,” Matthews said. “We can point to many, many deaths caused by the lack of law enforcement in the work zones. ... They know a trooper is not going to come out of the work zone and go chase after a car recklessly driving through a work zone.”

While troopers must check and recalibrate their radar equipment before each patrol, Matthews said the automatic cameras might not be accurate.

“I would encourage the public to contest every ticket,” Matthews said.

Nationally, there could be more than 40,000 traffic fatalities this year, compared

to a normal year of 35,000 to 36,000, said Eric Jackson, director of the Connecticut Transportation Safety Research Center. Besides speed, the reasons for fatal accidents include drunken driving and motorists distracted by personal issues that could be related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The faster you go, the more severe the injuries, the more the potential for fatalities,” Jackson said. “Once you put in the potential for impairment and distraction from everything that’s going on right now, it’s built this perfect storm of an increase in fatalities.”

State Rep. Roland Lemar, a New Haven Democrat who co-chairs the legislature’s transportation committee, said it is obvious to drivers that there are very few troopers on the Connecticut highways.

“I cross into New York, and I know that I’m going to see troopers,” Lemar said. “I certainly go further south, and there’s state troopers all over the place. The minute I pass more than five miles per hour [over the limit], I know I could get a ticket. In Connecticut, we just don’t have that level of activity.”

Lemar added, “I’ve heard from some of my colleagues [in the legislature] that they don’t actually want to see state police officers pulling people over all the time.

We’ve got to enforce it in some manner. To me, automated speed technology might be the most appropriate way to do it. This is a pilot program. We’ll see the number of vehicles that we ticket, and we’ll see if average travel speeds start to decrease since we’re using this technology.”

Brian J. Foley, a top aide to state police commissioner James Rovella, said police are keenly aware of the higher speeds - saying that thousands of office employees working at home has led to fewer drivers on the road and more open space on the highways for speeders. He concedes that enforcement is also down.

“The staffing is way down,” Foley said Wednesday in an interview. “That’s definitely affecting the amount of traffic enforcement. ... People are driving faster, and while there are less accidents, fatalities have gone up, and that’s because people are driving faster.”

Foley agreed with Matthews that the pandemic, which started spreading in Connecticut in March 2020, led to fewer traffic stops as police were unsure about the spread of the virus. That trend, he said, is national and not just related to Connecticut.

Matthews predicted that state police commanders

would see the news report about the lack of enforcement and would respond by sending troopers out to write tickets. Foley, however, said that patrol operations would not be altered based on that view.

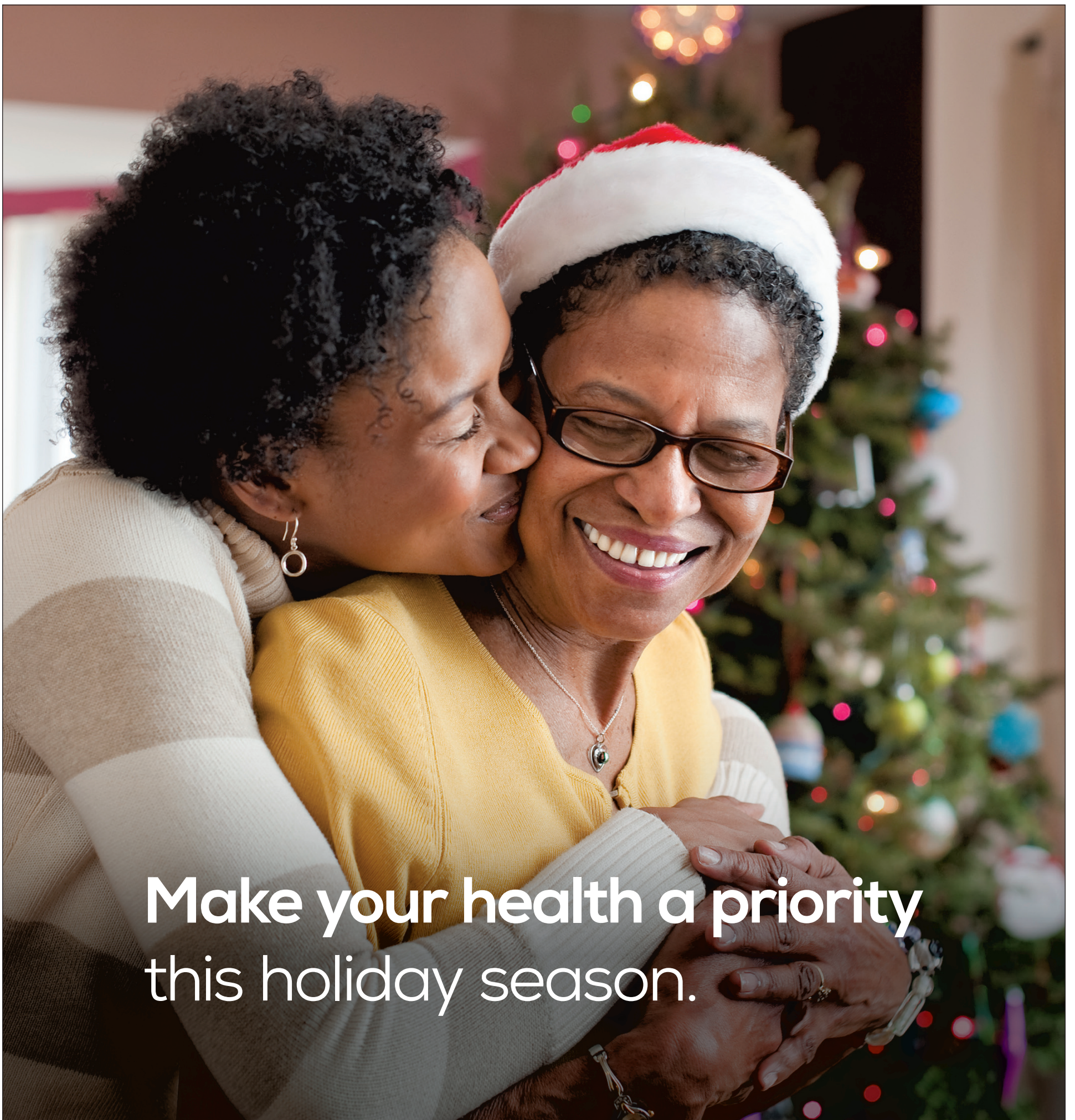
While Matthews partially blamed the police accountability law that was passed by the Democratic-controlled legislature for making police less proactive, Foley did not agree.

“Morale may be a factor,” Foley said. “Not every state has a police accountability law, but every state is dealing with the same morale factors. So you cannot pin it on just that law. That’s unfair.”

A key factor in changing enforcement in the future, he said, is that Gov. Ned Lamont is committed to hiring more troopers, including 65 who are currently being trained in the police academy. Police are currently recruiting more troopers with a goal for another class of 120, but the totals traditionally fall as rookies drop out of the academy due to the difficulties of police work.

“As staffing builds up,” Foley said, “speed enforcement is one of our top priorities.”

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Alphabet Inc A	GOOGL	1694.00	◆—	3019.33	2960.03	120.00	4.2	▼	▲	68.9	66.1	■■■■	29.5	89	...	MGM Resorts Intl	MGM	27.81	◆—	51.17	41.41	1.25	3.1	▼	▼	31.4	41.0	■■■■	8.4
Amazon.com Inc	AMZN	2881.00	◆—	3773.08	3444.24	54.45	1.6	▼	▲	5.8	12.2	■■■■	35.3	66	...	Magellan Health Inc	MGLN	76.83	◆—	99.36	94.47	0.03	0.0	▼	▼	14.0	18.2	■■■■	4.5	6	...
Amphenol Corp	APH	58.58	◆—	86.05	84.27	2.60	3.2	▲	▲	0.0	25.5	■■■■	20.1	37	0.9	Meta Platforms Inc	FB	244.61	◆—	384.33	329.75	22.91	7.5	▼	▼	20.7	18.7	■■■■	22.5	24	...
Apple Inc	AAPL	116.21	◆—	176.75	179.45	17.61	10.9	▲	▲	35.2	44.1	■■■■	44.3	49	0.5	MetLife Inc	MET	44.62	◆—	67.68	60.63	1.21	2.0	▼	▼	29.1	31.8	■■■■	6.4	12	3.2
Avangrid Inc	AGR	44.02	◆—	55.57	48.21	-1.74	-3.5	▼	▼	6.1	10.8	■■■■	9.2	23	3.7	Micron Tech	MU	65.67	◆—	96.96	85.54	3.92	4.8	▲	▲	13.8	19.1	■■■■	32.9	17	...
Bank of America	BAC	28.14	◆—	48.69	44.52	0.65	1.5	▼	▲	46.9	57.2	■■■■	15.6	13	1.9	Microsoft Corp	MSFT	209.11	◆—	349.67	342.54	19.53	6.0	▲	▲	54.0	58.4	■■■■	40.8	38	0.7
Barnes Group	B	39.84	◆—	57.64	46.10	0.29	0.6	▲	▲	-9.1	-5.5	■■■■	0.5	26	1.4	Novartis AG	NVS	79.34	◆—	98.52	80.67	0.67	0.8	▼	▼	-14.6	-8.7	■■■■	9.2	19	3.8
Booking Holdings	BKNG	1860.73	◆—	2687.29	2236.36	121.92	5.8	▼	▼	0.4	7.6	■■■■	7.8	>99	...	Nvidia Corporation	NVDA	115.67	◆—	346.47	301.98	-4.95	-1.6	▼	▼	131.3	135.9	■■■■	67.8	>99	...
Brist Myr Sqb	BMY	53.22	◆—	69.75	56.36	0.04	0.1	▼	▼	-9.1	-2.3	■■■■	3.0	...	3.5	Otis Worldwide Corp	OTIS	61.28	◆—	92.84	86.08	3.28	4.0	▲	▼	27.4	33.0	■■■■	0.0	31	1.1
CVS Health Corp	CVS	67.06	◆—	97.77	98.86	7.99	8.8	▲	▲	44.7	35.1	■■■■	6.0	18	2.0	Peoples Utd Fncl	PBCT	12.56	◆—	19.62	17.64	0.64	3.8	▼	▼	36.4	39.5	■■■■	1.3	25	4.1
Carrier Global Corp	CARR	34.21	◆—	58.89	55.51	-0.61	-1.1	▼	▼	47.2	49.2	■■■■	0.0	...	0.9	Pfizer Inc	PFE	33.36	◆—	55.70	52.78	-1.49	-2.7	▲	▲	43.4	28.2	■■■■	14.6	23	3.0
Charter Commun	CHTR	585.45	◆—	825.62	610.89	-68.41	-10.1	▼	▼	-7.7	-5.0	■■■■	17.0	35	...	Pitney Bowes	PBI	5.18	◆—	15.50	6.70	0.08	1.2	▼	▼	8.8	22.7	■■■■	-11.0	...	3.0
Cigna Corp	CI	190.88	◆—	272.81	214.94	16.08	8.1	▼	▲	3.2	-8	■■■■	9.8	9	1.9	Prudential Fncl	PRU	74.58	◆—	115.52	107.04	4.31	4.2	▼	▼	37.1	38.5	■■■■	3.5	6	4.3
CocaCola Co	KO	48.11	◆—	57.56	56.28	2.74	5.1	▼	▲	2.6	6.0	■■■■	8.4	30	3.0	Pub Svc Ent Gp	PEG	53.77	◆—	65.33	63.80	0.86	1.4	▲	▲	9.4	15.6	■■■■	11.4	22	3.2
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	47.59	◆—	61.80	48.45	-3.33	-6.4	▼	▼	-7.5	-4.8	■■■■	8.4	23	2.1	Raytheon Technolog	RTX	65.02	◆—	92.32	86.16	5.05	6.2	▼	▼	20.5	19.9	■■■■	7.4	39	2.4
Disney	DIS	142.04	◆—	203.02	152.71	6.49	4.4	▼	▼	-15.7	-0	■■■■	8.6	...	...	Rogers Corp	ROG	146.02	◆—	273.00	271.48	-1.08	-0.4	▲	▲	74.8	76.3	■■■■	28.8	62	...
DuPont de Nemours	DD	65.07	◆—	87.27	80.04	4.56	6.0	▼	▲	12.6	18.2	■■■■	2.8	9	1.5	SS&C Technologies	SSNC	62.51	◆—	80.55	78.10	3.07	4.1	▼	▼	7.4	8.6	■■■■	22.3	51	0.8
EMCOR Group Inc	EME	86.73	◆—	135.98	126.09	2.27	1.8	▼	▲	37.9	40.2	■■■■	12.0	22	0.3	Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	SIRI	5.75	◆—	8.14	6.28	0.07	1.1	▼	▼	-1.4	-2.9	■■■■	7.2	>99	1.4
Energy Transfer L.P.	ET	6.03	◆—	11.55	8.48	0.25	3.0	▼	▼	37.2	41.5	■■■■	-4.2	7	7.2	Snap Inc A	SNAP	44.92	◆—	83.34	50.82	4.03	8.6	▼	▼	1.5	6.5	■■■■	0.0	...	...
Ethan Allen	ETD	18.31	◆—	32.15	25.20	1.71	7.3	▲	▲	24.7	44.5	■■■■	-3.2	22	4.6	Stanley Black & Deck	SWK	167.66	◆—	225.00	194.56	12.50	6.9	▼	▼	9.0	9.4	■■■■	11.3	17	1.6
Eversource Energy	ES	76.64	◆—	92.66	87.88	2.58	3.0	▲	▼	1.6	3.9	■■■■	12.7	26	2.7	Terex Corp	TEX	33.62	◆—	55.60	44.99	2.06	4.8	▼	▼	28.9	29.4	■■■■	8.3	23	1.1
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	40.44	◆—	66.38	63.01	2.12	3.5	▼	▲	52.9	54.4	■■■■	-2.3	...	5.6	Tesla Inc	TSLA	539.49	◆—	1243.49	1017.03	2.06	0.2	▼	▼	44.1	66.1	■■■■	92.0	>99	...
Ford Motor	F	8.43	◆—	20.79	21.45	2.31	12.1	▲	▲	144.0	108.2	■■■■	10.6	25	1.9	Travelers Cos	TRV	132.75	◆—	163.29	154.25	5.97	4.0	▼	▼	9.9	16.4	■■■■	7.3	10	2.3
Freeport McMoRan	FCX	23.77	◆—	46.10	38.37	1.81	5.0	▼	▲	47.5	58.2	■■■■	19.9	15	0.8	Uber Technologies	UBER	35.26	◆—	64.05	36.67	0.82	2.3	▼	▼	-28.1	-30.2	■■■■	0.0	...	...
FuelCell Energy	FCEL	5.34	◆—	29.44	6.93	-0.36	-4.9	▼	▲	-38.0	-14.0	■■■■	-22.6	...	...	Unitedhealth Group	UNH	320.35	◆—	474.48	478.23	28.91	6.4	▲	▲	36.4	39.1	■■■■	25.3	32	1.2
Gen Dynamics	GD	144.50	◆—	210.21	204.93	7.30	3.7	▲	▲	37.7	34.0	■■■■	4.8	18	2.3	Virtus Invest	VRTS	200.94	◆—	338.80	293.74	2.01	0.7	▼	▼	35.4	40.1	■■■■	19.2	20	2.0
Gen Electric	GE	82.88	◆—	116.17	96.95	4.18	4.5	▼	▼	12.5	7.7	■■■■	-14.7	...	0.3	Voya Financial	VOYA	54.46	◆—	70.98	63.23	0.93	1.5	▼	▼	7.5	9.4	■■■■	0.0	...	...
Hartford Fn Sv	HIG	44.76	◆—	78.17	68.15	1.51	2.3	▼	▼	39.1	46.5	■■■■	8.9	12	0.3	Webster Financial	WBS	39.64	◆—	63.81	54.35	1.10	2.1	▼	▼	28.9	38.6	■■■■	2.5	14	2.9
Honeywell Intl	HON	168.11	◆—	236.86	209.81	6.31	3.1	▼	▼	-1.4	-1.2	■■■■	14.9	30	1.9	White Mtns Insur	WTM	960.00	◆—	1267.52	1010.25	23.35	2.4	▼	▼	1.0	-2	■■■■	3.1	>99	0.1
Horizon Tech Fin	HRZN	12.23	◆—	19.08	16.43	0.15	0.9	▼	▼	24.1	37.5	■■■■	14.3	11	7.3	World Wrestling Ent	WWE	43.20	◆—	70.72	49.12	-0.30	-0.6	▼	▼	2.2	12.3	■■■■	20.3	31	1.0
Infosys Ltd	INFY	15.46	◆—	24.28	23.19	0.31	1.4	▼	▲	36.8	52.3	■■■■	27.6	36	...	XPO Logistics Inc	XPO	63.29	◆—	90.78	75.72	2.12	2.9	▼	▼	9.2	13.4	■■■■	23.1	18	...
Inovio Pharmaceut	INO	5.75	◆—	19.00	6.04	-0.13	-2.1	▼	▼	-31.8	-45.1	■■■■	-2.6	...	...	Xerox Holdings Corp	XRX	17.43	◆—	26.96	21.15	1.15	5.8	▲	▲	-8.8	-3.5	■■■■	0.8	15	4.7
Intel Corp	INTC	45.24	◆—	68.49	50.59	1.34	2.7	▲	▼	1.5	3.6	■■■■	9.7	10	2.7	Yamana Gold Inc	AUY	3.76	◆—	6.16	3.92	0.00	0.0	▼	▼	-31.3	-27.8	■■■■	7.4	23	3.1

Notes on data: Total returns, shown for periods 1-year or greater, include dividend income and change in market price. Three-year and five-year returns annualized. Three year return shown for stocks trading less than five years (indicated by "a"). Ellipses indicate data not available. Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters. Rank classifies a stock's performance relative to all U.S.-listed shares, from top 20 percent (■■■■) to bottom 20 percent (■■■■).

INTEREST RATES						DOW 30						30 BIGGEST FU NDS									
Money market mutual funds		YIELD	MIN INVEST	PHONE		TICKER		FRIDAY CLOSE	\$CHG 1WK	PCT CHMO 1WK	1YR	FUND		ASSETS (in billions)	TICKER	1WK	IMO	PCT RETURN 1YR	RANK 5YRS*		
Taxable—national avg		0.01										Vanguard 500 Index Admiral		435	VFIAX	3.8	1.5	30.3	■■■■	18.0	
Wells Fargo 100% Treas MMF/CI A		0.04	\$ 1,000 min	(888) 222-8222		1. Goldman Sachs Grp		GS	391.06	8.33	2.2	-3.4	Vanguard Total Stock Instl		329	VTSA	3.6	0.0	27.4	■■■■	17.5
Tax-exempt—national avg		0.01				2. Home Depot		HD	415.40	7.59	1.9	11.5	Vanguard Total Intl Stock Idx		192	VGTSX	2.5	-2.0	10.0	■■■■	9.4
JPMorgan Tax Free MMF/Instit		0.02	\$10 mil.	(800) 766-7722		3. Microsoft Corp		MSFT	342.54	19.53	6.0	1.7	Vanguard Instl Index Plus		169	VIIIX	3.8	1.5	30.3	■■■■	18.0
						4. Apple Inc		AAPL	179.45	17.61	10.9	19.6	American Growth Fd of America		145	AGTHX	3.2	-2.7	22.7	■■■■	20.3
						5. Amer Express		AXP	167.03	11.09	7.1	-8.2	Vanguard Total Stock Index		131	VTSMX	3.6	-0.1	27.3	■■■■	17.3
						6. Unitedhealth Group		UNH	478.23	28.91	6.4	4.2	Fidelity Contrafund		128	FCNTX	3.9	0.3	28.2	■■■■	22.3
						7. Chevron Corp		CVX	118.34	3.93	3.4	3.6	Vanguard Institutional Index		125	VINIX	3.8	1.5	30.3	■■■■	18.0
						8. JPMorgan Chase		JPM	159.82	1.53	1.0	-4.2	American Balanced		102	ABALX	1.8	0.3	15.4	■■■■	11.0
						9. Cisco Syst		CSCO	59.25	3.02	5.4	4.3	Dodge & Cox Stock		91	DODGX	2.7	-1.6	29.8	■■■■	13.4
						10. McDonalds Corp		MCD	264.97	15.64	6.3	5.7	American Income Fd of America		81	AMEXC	1.8	0.2	15.3	■■■■	9.0
						11. Nike Inc B		NKE	169.06	-1.18	-0.7	0.0	American Investment Co. Amer		78	AIVSX	3.9	1.0	25.8	■■■■	14.3
						12. Walgreen Boots Alli		WBA	49.50	2.97	6.4	-0.1	American Washington Mutual		74	AWSHX	3.7	1.4	27.6	■■■■	14.6
						Dow Jones industrial average		35970.99	1390.91	+4.0	-0.4	■■■	American Fundamental Investor		67	ANCFX	3.4	-0.7	22.4	■■■■	15.0
						13. Salesforce.com Inc		CRM	266.03	7.71	3.0	-13.2	American New Perspective		67	ANWPX	2.8	-1.8	20.3	■■■■	19.3
						14. Caterpillar Inc		CAT	203.46	5.66	2.9	-2.8	American Capital Income Bldr		65	CAIBX	2.2	0.2	13.2	■■■■	7.8
						15. Travelers Cos		TRV	154.25	5.97	4.0	-2.0	American CapWorld Growth/Inc		60	CWIGX	3.2	-0.5	15.7	■■■■	12.7
						16. Procter & Gamble		PG	155.46	5.58	3.7	6.1	PIMCO Total Return Instl		57	PTTRX	-0.6	-0.1	-0.8	■■■	4.2
						17. Johnson & Johnson		JNJ	165.49	6.11	3.8	0.3	Fidelity Growth Company		53	FDGRX	2.5	-1.7	27.8	■■■■	30.3
						18. IBM		IBM	124.09	5.25	4.4	4.3	Fidelity Blue Chip Growth		52	FBGRX	3.6	-0.7	28.6	■■■■	29.5
						19. CocaCola Co		KO	56.28	2.74	5.1	-0.6	Vanguard Windsor II Admiral		45	VWNAX	3.8	0.4	30.6	■■■■	14.9
						20. Dow Inc		DOW	54.68	1.61	3.0	-9.0	American AMCAP		43	AMCPX	3.6	-1.6	25.6	■■■■	17.2
						21. 3M Company		MMM	177.10	4.51	2.6	-3.6	Dodge & Cox International Stock		42	DODFX	2.6	-3.1	10.0	■■■	6.5
						22. Intel Corp		INTC	50.59	1.34	2.7	0.6	Fidelity Balanced		37	FBALX	2.7	0.1	20.5	■■■■	14.7
						23. Disney		DIS	152.71	6.49	4.4	-4.3	American SmallCap World		37	SMCWX	2.4	-6.3	14.3	■■■■	17.2
						24. Visa Inc		V	213.40	17.08	8.7	0.6	FrankTemp Income		35	FKINX	1.7	-0.3	15.4	■■■■	7.3
						25. Honeywell Intl		HON	209.81	6.31	3.1	-5.7	Fidelity Magellan		31	FMAGX	3.8	-1.7	31.8	■■■■	20.2
						26. Amgen		AMGN	210.89	8.45	4.2	0.6	American Bond Fund of America		30	ABNDX	-0.7	-0.3	-0.7	■■■	4.1
						27. Merck & Co		MRK	72.62	-0.72	-1.0	-13.5	Fidelity Puritan		28	FPURX	2.7	0.6	21.1	■■■■	14.5
						28. WalMart Strs		WMT	141.03	4.07	3.0	-4.6	T. Rowe Price Growth Stock		27	PRGFX	4.3	-1.3	24.7	■■■■	23.3
						29. Boeing Co		BA	205.06	6.57	3.3	-7.2									
						30. Verizon Comm		VZ	50.19	-1.23	-2.4	-4.1									
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WORLD & NATION

Watchdog: Feds tracked journalists

Customs and Border Protection contends practice is routine

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A special Customs and Border Protection unit used sensitive government databases intended to track terrorists to investigate as many as 20 U.S.-based journalists, including a Pulitzer Prize-winning Associated Press reporter, according to a federal watchdog.

Yahoo News, which published an extensive report on the investigation, also found that the unit, the Counter Network Division, queried records of congressional staffers and perhaps members of Congress.

Jeffrey Rambo, an agent who acknowledged running checks on journalists in 2017, told federal investigators the practice is routine. “When a name comes across your desk you run it through every system you have access too, that’s just status quo,” Rambo was quoted by Yahoo News as saying.

The AP obtained a redacted copy of a more than 500-page report by the Homeland Security Department’s inspector general that included the same statement, but with the speaker’s name blacked out. The border protection agency is part of DHS.

The revelations raised alarm in news organizations and prompted a demand for a full explanation.

“We are deeply concerned about this apparent abuse of power. This appears to be an example of journalists being targeted for simply doing their jobs, which is a viola-



A Customs and Border Protection unit used government databases to investigate journalists, a watchdog said. ERIC GAY/AP 2019

tion of the First Amendment,” Lauren Easton, AP’s director of media relations, said in a statement.

In its own statement, CBP did not specifically address the investigation, but said, “CBP vetting and investigatory operations, including those conducted by the Counter Network Division, are strictly governed by well-established protocols and best practices. CBP does not investigate individuals without a legitimate and legal basis to do so.”

An employee at Rambo’s Storymakers Coffee Roasters, a small storefront in San Diego, said Saturday that Rambo was not immedi-

ately available to comment. Rambo lives in San Diego.

The new disclosures are just the latest examples of federal agencies using their power to examine the contacts of journalists and others.

Earlier this year Attorney General Merrick Garland formally prohibited prosecutors from seizing the records of journalists in leak investigations, with limited exceptions, reversing years of department policy. That action came after an outcry over revelations that the Trump Justice Department had obtained records belonging to journalists, as well as Demo-

cratic members of Congress and their aides and a former White House counsel, Don McGahn.

During the Obama administration, federal investigators secretly seized phone records for some reporters and editors at the AP.

Rambo’s and the CBP unit’s use of the databases was more extensive than previously known. The inspector general referred possible criminal charges for misusing government databases and lying to investigators, but the Justice Department declined to prosecute Rambo and two other DHS employees.

Rambo complained to Yahoo News that CBP has not stood by him and that he has been unfairly portrayed in news reports.

“What none of these articles identify me as, is a law enforcement officer who was cleared of wrongdoing, who actually had a true purpose to be doing what I was doing,” he said, “and CBP refuses to acknowledge that, refuses to admit that, refuses to make that wrong right.”

Rambo had previously been identified as the agent who accessed the travel records of reporter Ali Watkins, then working for Politico, and questioned her about confidential sources.

Watkins now writes for The New York Times.

Rambo was assigned to the CBP unit, part of the National Targeting Center in Sterling, Virginia, in 2017. He told investigators he initially approached Watkins as part of a broader effort to get reporters to write about forced labor around the world as a national security issue.

He also described similar efforts with AP reporter Martha Mendoza, according to an unredacted summary obtained by Yahoo News. Rambo’s unit “was able to vet MENDOZA as a reputable reporter,” the summary said, before trying to establish a relationship with her because of her expertise in writing about forced labor. Mendoza won her second Pulitzer Prize in 2016 as part of a team that reported on slave labor in the fishing industry in Southeast Asia.

Dan White, Rambo’s supervisor in Washington, told investigators that his unit ran Mendoza through multiple databases, and “CBP discovered that one of the phone numbers on Mendoza’s phone was connected with a terrorist,” Yahoo News reported. White’s case also was referred for prosecution and declined.

It was Rambo’s outreach to Watkins that led to the inspector general’s investigation. While he ostensibly sought her out to further his work on forced labor, Rambo quickly turned the focus to a leak investigation. Rambo even gave it a name, “Operation Whistle Pig,” for the brand of whiskey he drank when he met Watkins at a Washington, D.C., bar in June 2017.

NEWS BRIEFING

CDC data may inflate first dose numbers, undercount boosters

From news services

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which millions of Americans rely on for up-to-date information on vaccination rates in their communities, acknowledged that its data might overestimate the number of people who have received first doses while underestimating the number who have received booster shots.

The acknowledgment was easy to miss, tucked into footnotes at the bottom of the vaccination tracking page on the CDC website. It said that, in light of the possible error, the agency would cap its estimates of vaccination rates at 95%.

Previously, it had capped its estimates at 99.9% and, for example, showed a 99.9% national vaccination rate for people 65 and older, which experts said was inaccurate.

The CDC’s data on vaccination rates is still considered to be reliable, especially with regard to the number of fully vaccinated Americans, experts say.

The main reason for the discrepancies is that state and county data, which the CDC relies on to compile its statistics, does not always properly link the record of people’s booster shots to the records of their initial vaccinations. When the two are not connected, the booster is recorded as if it were a first dose given to a previously unvaccinated person.

This can happen when people go to a different location for a booster shot than they did for their original series of injections. That often occurs when people move, or the place they received their first doses doesn’t exist anymore, as is the case with many government-sponsored mass vaccination sites that closed after a few months. Sometimes

a different location for a booster is chosen simply because it’s more convenient.

Data reported to the CDC is stripped of personal information, which makes it difficult to spot and correct these sorts of errors.

“Even with the high-quality data CDC receives from jurisdictions and federal entities, there are limits to how CDC can analyze those data,” the agency said in one of its footnotes. The note added that people receiving boosters at a different location was “just one example of how CDC’s data may overestimate first doses and underestimate booster doses.”

India farmer protests: Tens of thousands of jubilant Indian farmers on Saturday cleared protest sites on the capital’s outskirts and began returning home, marking an end to their yearlong demonstrations against agricultural reforms that were repealed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government in a rare retreat.

Farmers dismantled their makeshift accommodations at multiple protest sites and started to vacate long stretches of highways ringing New Delhi where they have camped since November 2020. Hundreds of them waved green and white flags and danced to celebrate their victory as they rode tractors, jeeps and cars.

“Farmers have saved the democracy. It was a fight for justice,” said farmer Nagenra Singh.

After a year of insisting that the new measures would benefit farmers, Modi made a surprise announcement to withdraw them last month.

Modi’s government had insisted that the laws were necessary reforms to modernize Indian farming



Dole returns home: Former Sen. Pat Roberts, right, followed by current Sens. Jerry Moran and Roger Marshall, all from Kansas, arrive at a memorial service for former Republican Sen. Bob Dole on Saturday in Russell, Kansas. Dole, who died Dec. 5 at age 98 after serving nearly 36 years in Congress, was remembered as the “greatest of the Greatest Generation.” CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

and would lead to a deregulated market with more private-sector control of agriculture.

The farmers said the laws would drastically shrink their incomes and leave them at the mercy of big corporations.

Prop gun shooting: The assistant director who handed Alec Baldwin a prop gun that killed a cinematographer on a New Mexico film set must make himself available for an interview with state workplace safety regulators, a judge has decided.

District Judge Bryan Biedscheid on Friday granted a request by the Occupational Health and Safety Bureau of the state Environment Department to issue a subpoena to Dave Halls, assistant director for the movie “Rust,” local news outlets reported.

Cinematographer Halyna Hutchins was killed and director Joel Souza was wounded in the Oct. 21

shooting on the Bonanza Creek Ranch film set near Santa Fe.

Safety officials tried twice since Nov. 2 to interview Halls for their investigation but he declined both times through his attorney and said he wouldn’t agree to an interview until a criminal investigation into the shooting is complete, a compliance officer wrote Wednesday in an affidavit in support of the subpoena request.

The interview with Halls is needed because he had responsibilities for set safety, knew who was present during the shooting and had handled the gun, the application said.

London police shooting: British police say a man was shot dead during a confrontation with firearms officers on Saturday near the Kensington Palace royal residence in London.

The Metropolitan Police force said officers were called to reports that a man

with a firearm had entered a bank and bookmakers.

He fled in a vehicle, which was stopped by officers nearby in a wealthy area that is home to several embassies and the palace, which is the official London residence of Prince William, his wife Catherine and their three children. It is also home to several other members of the royal family.

The force said “shots were fired and a man sustained gunshot wounds.” He was pronounced dead at the scene. Police say the incident is not being treated as terrorism.

Panda-monium: Twin giant panda cubs took their first steps in public on Saturday at the Beuval Zoo near Paris.

The female twins were born in August. Their mother, Huan Huan, and father, Yuan Zi, are at the zoo on a 10-year loan from China.

The cubs, Huanlili and Yuandudu, are their second and third cubs after the first

panda ever born in France, Yuan Meng, in 2017.

The cubs will spend a few years in France before being sent to China.

Burned ship towed: A fire-ravaged German-owned cargo vessel was towed to port in Goteborg, Sweden, on Saturday after a weeklong blaze that broke out on the North Sea when the ship’s timber cargo caught fire.

The Liberia-flagged Almirante Stormi, built in 2012, was towed by pilot and tug boats under the surveillance of the Swedish Coast Guard, officials said.

The vessel issued a distress call on Dec. 4 after its timber cargo caught fire. While the vessel wasn’t burning, Swedish officials said burning timber was difficult to extinguish at sea. Boats from Denmark and Norway helped in the effort to put out the fire last week.

The vessel was reportedly headed to Alexandria, Egypt.

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WORLD & NATION

Birds are not real — or are they?

Gen Z conspiracy theory makes fun of misinformation

By Taylor Lorenz
The New York Times

In Pittsburgh; Memphis, Tennessee; and Los Angeles, massive billboards recently popped up declaring, “Birds Aren’t Real.”

On Instagram and TikTok, Birds Aren’t Real accounts have racked up hundreds of thousands of followers, and YouTube videos about it have gone viral.

Last month, Birds Aren’t Real adherents even protested outside Twitter’s headquarters in San Francisco to demand that the company change its bird logo.

The events were all connected by a Gen Z-fueled conspiracy theory, which posits that birds do not exist and are really drone replicas installed by the U.S. government to spy on Americans. Hundreds of thousands of young people have joined the movement, wearing Birds Aren’t Real T-shirts, swarming rallies and spreading the slogan.

It might smack of QAnon, the conspiracy theory that the world is controlled by an elite cabal of child-trafficking Democrats. Except that the creator of Birds Aren’t Real and the movement’s followers are in on a joke: They know that birds are, in fact, real and that their theory is made up.

What Birds Aren’t Real truly is, they say, is a parody social movement with a purpose.

In a post-truth world dominated by online conspiracy theories, young people have coalesced around the effort to thumb their nose at, fight and poke fun at misinformation. It is Gen Z’s attempt to upend the rabbit hole with absurdism.

“It’s a way to combat troubles in the world that you don’t really have other ways



Peter McIndoe, the 23-year-old creator of the Birds Aren’t Real movement, with his van last week in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Young people have coalesced around the effort to fight and poke fun at misinformation. **RANA YOUNG/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

of combating,” said Claire Chronis, 22, a Birds Aren’t Real organizer in Pittsburgh. “My favorite way to describe the organization is fighting lunacy with lunacy.”

At the center of the movement is Peter McIndoe, 23, a floppy-haired college dropout in Memphis, who created Birds Aren’t Real on a whim in 2017. For years, he stayed in character as the conspiracy theory’s chief believer, commanding acolytes to rage against those who challenged his dogma.

But now, McIndoe said in an interview, he is ready to reveal the parody, lest people think birds really are drones.

“Dealing in the world of misinformation for the past few years, we’ve been really conscious of the line we walk,” he said. “The idea is meant to be so preposterous, but we make sure nothing we’re saying is too realistic.

That’s a consideration with coming out of character.”

Most Birds Aren’t Real members, many of whom are part of an on-the-ground activism network called the Bird Brigade, grew up in a world overrun with misinformation. Some have relatives who have fallen victim to conspiracy theories. So for members of Gen Z, the movement has become a way to collectively grapple with those experiences. By cosplaying conspiracy theorists, they have found community and kinship, McIndoe said.

“Birds Aren’t Real is not a shallow satire of conspiracies from the outside. It is from the deep inside,” he said. “A lot of people in our generation feel the lunacy in all this, and Birds Aren’t Real has been a way for people to process that.”

Cameron Kasky, 21, an activist from Parkland, Florida, who helped organize the

March for Our Lives student protest against gun violence in 2018 and is involved in Birds Aren’t Real, said the parody “makes you stop for a second and laugh. In a uniquely bleak time to come of age, it doesn’t hurt to have something to laugh about together.”

McIndoe also marinated in conspiracies. For his first 18 years, he grew up with seven siblings in a deeply conservative and religious community outside Cincinnati, then in rural Arkansas. He was home-schooled, taught that “evolution was a massive brainwashing plan by the Democrats and Obama was the Antichrist,” he said.

By the time McIndoe left home for the University of Arkansas in 2016, he said, he realized he was not the only young person forced to straddle multiple realities.

Then, in January 2017, McIndoe traveled to

Memphis to visit friends. Donald Trump had just been sworn in as president, and there was a women’s march downtown. Pro-Trump counterprotesters were also there. When McIndoe saw them, he said, he ripped a poster off a wall, flipped it over and wrote three random words: “Birds Aren’t Real.”

“It was a spontaneous joke, but it was a reflection of the absurdity everyone was feeling,” he said.

McIndoe then walked around and improvised the Birds Aren’t Real conspiracy lore. He said he was part of a greater movement that believed that birds had been replaced with surveillance drones and that the cover-up began in the 1970s. Unbeknown to him, he was filmed, and the video posted on Facebook. It went viral, especially among teenagers in the South.

In Memphis, “Birds

Aren’t Real” graffiti soon showed up. Photos of the phrase’s being scrawled on chalkboards and the walls of local high schools surfaced. People made “Birds Aren’t Real” stickers.

McIndoe decided to lean into Birds Aren’t Real.

“I started embodying the character and building out the world this character belonged to,” he said. He and Connor Gaydos, a friend, wrote a false history of the movement, concocted elaborate theories and produced fake documents and evidence to support his wild claims.

“It basically became an experiment in misinformation,” McIndoe said. “We were able to construct an entirely fictional world that was reported on as fact by local media and questioned by members of the public.”

Gaydos added, “If anyone believes birds aren’t real, we’re the last of their concerns, because then there’s probably no conspiracy they don’t believe.”

In 2018, McIndoe dropped out of college and moved to Memphis. To build Birds Aren’t Real further, he created a flyer that shot to the top of Reddit. He hired an actor to portray a former CIA agent who confessed to working on bird drone surveillance; the video has more than 20 million views on TikTok. He also hired actors to represent adult bird trutheers in videos that spread all over Instagram.

To adults with concerns about McIndoe’s tactics, researchers said any harms were most likely minimal.

“You have to weigh the potential negative effects with any of this stuff, but in this case it is so extremely small,” said Joshua Citarella, an independent researcher who studies internet culture and online radicalization in youth. “Allowing people to engage in collaborative world building is therapeutic because it lets them disarm conspiracism and engage in a safe way.”



Indiana pastor Craig Duke performs in drag during an episode of the HBO show “We’re Here.” Duke wanted to show support for his daughter, who is pansexual. **JAKES GILES NETTER/HBO**

Joining drag queens on TV show costs pastor his job

By David Crary
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Rev. Craig Duke has been a Methodist minister for three decades, building a reputation as a staunch advocate of LGBTQ inclusion. His pastoral duties have now been terminated — the result of a bitter rift surfacing in his Indiana church after he sought to demonstrate solidarity by appearing in drag alongside prominent drag queens in the HBO reality series “We’re Here.”

Duke, 62, said he thought most of his 400-member congregation at Newburgh United Methodist Church shared his inclusive views, and he was taken aback when a prominent congregation member, soon backed by other churchgoers, circulated emails attacking him.

“You have thrown NUMC under the bus to elevate a minority of individuals,” said one of the emails. Another, according to Duke, said Satan must be pleased with the discord over LGBTQ rights.

Duke, who declined to

identify his chief critics, told The Associated Press that the attacks “felt very personal,” causing him to worry about his mental health.

“It was a matter of sadness and disappointment and heartbreak on my part... realizing I was losing the ability to lead,” he said.

Under United Methodist Church protocol, a pastor does not have the option of resigning, but Duke said he made clear to his immediate superior, regional superintendent Mitch Gieselman, that he needed to step away.

On Nov. 26, Gieselman — who had been hearing from the pastor’s critics and supporters — sent a letter to the NUMC congregation announcing that Duke “is being relieved of his pastoral duties.”

Through the next three months, Duke said he and his wife will be allowed to continue living in the NUMC parsonage, while he incurs a 40% pay cut. His wife, Linda, who was pastor of youth ministry, resigned.

They must relocate no later than Feb. 28, when his pay will be halted, Gieselman said.

While Gieselman noted in his letter that Duke’s actions had “polarized” the congregation, he said none of those actions constituted formal violations of UMC’s Book of Discipline, which functions as a legal code for Methodist clergy.

The episode of “We’re Here” featuring Duke — at one point shown in a dress, high-heeled boots, a pink wig and heavy makeup — was taped in July but did not air until Nov. 8.

Duke was invited to participate in the show by an LGBTQ Pride group in nearby Evansville and accepted in part to show support for his 23-year-old daughter, Tiffany, who identifies as pansexual.

The premise of “We’re Here,” an Emmy-nominated series now in its second season, is that three renowned drag performers travel to towns and small cities across the U.S., recruiting a few locals to join them as drag queens.

Duke defended his motives, saying, “I was willing and excited to share God’s love with the LGBTQ community on a national level.”

TV celebrity, first astronaut’s daughter share trip to space

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

Football star and TV celebrity Michael Strahan caught a ride to space with Jeff Bezos’ rocket-launching company Saturday, sharing the trip with the daughter of America’s first astronaut.

“TOUCHDOWN has a new meaning now!!!!” he tweeted after landing.

Blue Origin’s New Shepard rocket blasted off from West Texas, sending the capsule on a 10-minute flight with the two VIP guests and four paying customers.

Their automated capsule soared to an altitude of 66 miles, providing a few minutes of weightlessness before parachuting into the desert. The booster also came back to land successfully.

It was five minutes and 50 miles shorter than Alan Shepard’s Mercury flight from Florida’s Cape Canaveral on May 5, 1961. His eldest daughter, Laura Shepard Churchley, took along a tiny piece of his Freedom 7 capsule as well as mementos from his Apollo 14 moonshot. She also packed some golf balls; her dad hit a couple on the lunar surface.

A co-host of ABC’s “Good Morning America,” Strahan bubbled over with excitement in updates for the show all week. He took along his Super Bowl ring and retired New York Giants No. 92 jersey. Bezos stashed a football on board that will go to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

As soon as he emerged from the capsule, Strahan said he wanted to go again. But Bezos joked he’d have to buy his own ticket next time.

In a video he posted later, Strahan called the experience surreal and unbelievable. “Wow, that’s all I can say. Wow.”



Former NFL star Michael Strahan hugs Laura Shepard Churchley, daughter of astronaut Alan Shepard, Saturday after their space flight from West Texas. **MARIO TAMA/GETTY**

At the launch facility near Van Horn, Bezos had “Light this candle” painted on the launch tower’s bridge, borrowing from Alan Shepard’s famous gripe from inside Freedom 7 as the delays mounted: “Why don’t you fix your little problem and light this candle?”

Shepard Churchley — who volunteered for Blue Origin’s third passenger flight — borrowed her late father’s phrase, yelling “Let’s light this candle!” while awaiting takeoff. Fierce wind held up her flight for two days.

She heads the board of trustees for the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation.

“I thought about Daddy coming down and thought, gosh he didn’t even get to enjoy any of what I’m getting to enjoy,” Shepard Churchley said following touchdown. “He was working. He had to do it himself. I went up for the ride!”

Saturday’s launch marks the last one this year by private U.S. companies as space tourism finally takes off. Virgin Galactic kicked it off in July, sending up its

billionaire founder, Richard Branson, followed by Blue Origin and SpaceX. So many are flying that the Federal Aviation Administration announced Friday it will no longer designate who is a commercial astronaut or give out wings.

Bezos, who founded Amazon six years before Blue Origin, was on his company’s debut launch in July. The second, in October, included actor William Shatner — Captain James Kirk of TV’s original “Star Trek.” The late Leonard Nimoy’s daughter sent up a necklace with a “Vulcan Salute” charm on Saturday’s flight, in honor of the show’s original Mr. Spock.

Among the four space tourists paying unspecified millions each were the first parent-child combo: financier Lane Bess and his son Cameron. Also flying: Voyager Space chairman and CEO Dylan Taylor and investor Evan Dick.

Blue Origin dedicated Saturday’s launch to Glen de Vries, who launched into space with Shatner, but died one month later in a plane crash.

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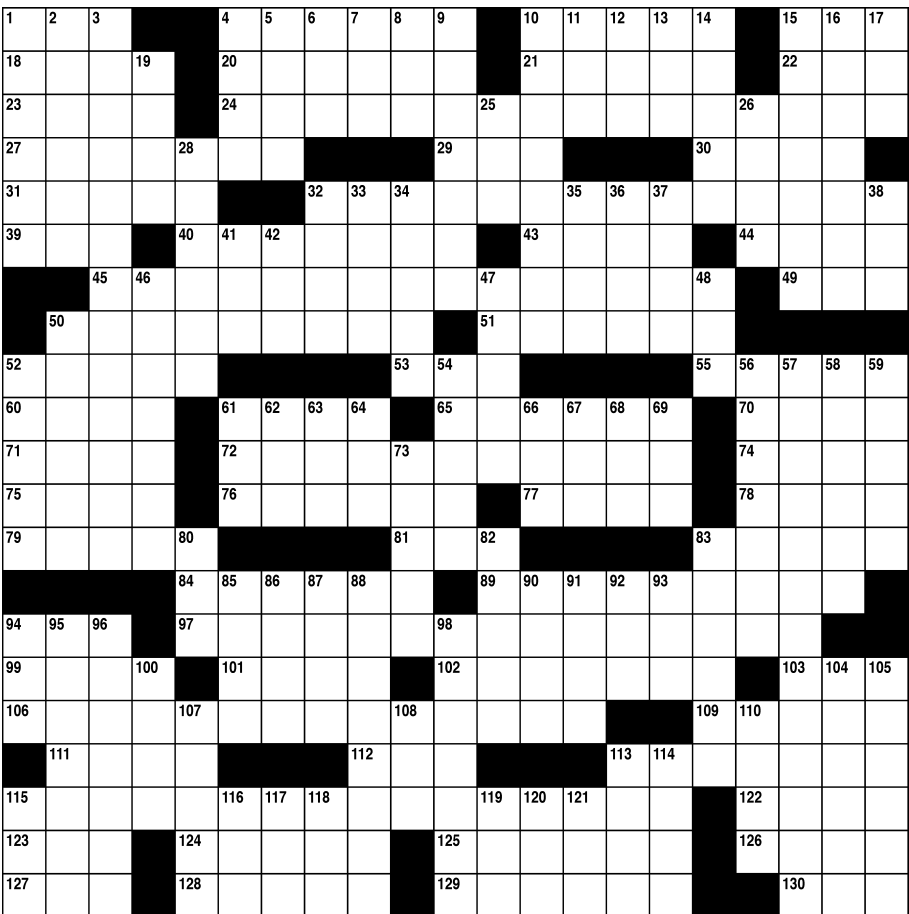
Chase Dittrich, formerly of Los Angeles, is a senior program manager for Amazon in Seattle. Jeff Chen, also of Seattle, is a writer and professional crossword constructor. Chase created his first puzzles by hand for fellow Marines while deployed in Afghanistan in 2012. He took up constructing seriously more recently. Chase came up with the idea for this puzzle and then workshoped it with Jeff. — W.S.

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- 1 "Bull" ailer
4 Out
10 Win for a 10-Down
15 Yukon automaker
18 Set down
20 With 116-Down, artificial intelligence system that mimics the human brain
21 Who is "too small to make a difference," per a Greta Thunberg book title
22 Propel, as a shell
23 "... and to _____ good night!"
24 ... FLOOR FLOOR FLOOR ...
27 It's got some miles on it
29 Home to the Burj Khalifa, for short
30 Singular
31 Stark who was crowned Queen of the North on "Game of Thrones"
32 ... GRIZZLY GRIZZLY GRIZZLY ...
39 First responder, for short
40 Percussion instrument of African origin
43 What some kings and queens dress in
44 Maker of the classic video game Frogger
45 ... PROPOSAL PROPOSAL PROPOSAL ...
49 Kind of milk
50 Rapper with more than 20 Grammys
51 Reps
52 Click _____ (artificial increasers of website hits)
53 Goddess of the dawn
55 Pet lovers' org.
60 James who sang "I Sing the Blues"
61 Grandma, affectionately
65 Roy Lichtenstein's genre

- 70 Brit's "How shocking!"
71 What many lifeguards have
72 ... COMMERCIAL COMMERCIAL ...
74 Steve with eight N.B.A. championship rings
75 Chemical suffixes
76 Like the color of honey
77 "Give me a break, would you?!"
78 Philosopher who wrote "A Treatise of Human Nature"
79 Lead-in to ask or suggest
81 Get hitched
83 They're explained by Newton's law of universal gravitation
84 N.F.L. Hall-of-Famer Shannon
89 Inconveniences
94 Company with a Page Program
97 ... AMBITION AMBITION ...
99 Word-of-mouth
101 Actor Spall of "Prometheus"
102 Literally, "I bow to you"
103 Op. _____ (footnote abbr.)
106 ... STAIRS STAIRS STAIRS ...
109 _____ di Pietro, artist better known as Fra Angelico
111 Ta-ta
112 Opposite of down: Abbr.
113 "Let's Stay Together" singer, 1971
115 ... CAUTION CAUTION ...
122 Slight problem
123 Pablo Neruda work
124 "Please, I can handle this"
125 Many an informant employed by
126 Org. involved in the Scopes Monkey Trial

- 127 R.S.V.P. option
128 Way up or way down
129 Pockyful in ring-around-the-rosy
130 Syracuse-to-Albany dir.
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1 Part of a contract
2 Christmas fir
3 Investor behind the scenes
4 Palindromic feminine name
5 One gifted with the "inner eye"
6 Word on a candy heart
7 Before, poetically
8 Piercing spot
9 _____ cavity (where the lungs are located)
10 Likely loser
11 Hawaiian taro dish
12 Family member inaply found in "ladies only"
13 High school subj.
14 Vehicle company with a market value over \$1 trillion
15 Adventurous kids in a 1985 film
16 Napoleon's famed war horse
17 Shout
19 Some diaper changers
25 Rapper dished by Jay-Z in "Takeover"
26 Young 'uns
28 Popular Toyotas
32 How a zombie might spread the infection
33 Ostrich relatives
34 Peter out
35 "Symphony in Black" artist
36 Something necessary for gain, they say
37 The "grand slam" of showbiz awards, in brief
38 Like some apparel, in song
41 Mimic

- 42 Opposite of FF
46 Together
47 Kind of jar
48 Org. that hires cryptanalysts
50 Samurai's sword
51 Awful-smelling
54 Give one's take
56 Religion that emphasizes seva, or "selfless service"
57 Astrology or palmistry
58 Sandiego not usually found in San Diego
59 Lew _____, portrayer of Dr. Kildare
61 Badger
62 Brouhaha
63 When doubled, boring result in the Premier League
64 Word commonly following the Oxford comma
66 Messy sort
67 What seven did to nine, in a joke
68 Lament
69 Celebrity gossip site
73 Like New Jerseyans vis-à-vis New Yorkers
80 Destination for Birthright trips: Abbr.
82 Someone's in the kitchen with her, in song
83 Savory Chinese snack
85 Grinder
86 Put _____ on (limit)
87 Dennis the Menace's appropriately named dog
88 Bishops, e.g.
90 Execs: Abbr.
91 Smartphone predecessors, for short
92 Choice words
93 Card-matching game
94 Prefix with binary
95 Male etiquette, as described by Barney Stinson on "How I Met Your Mother"

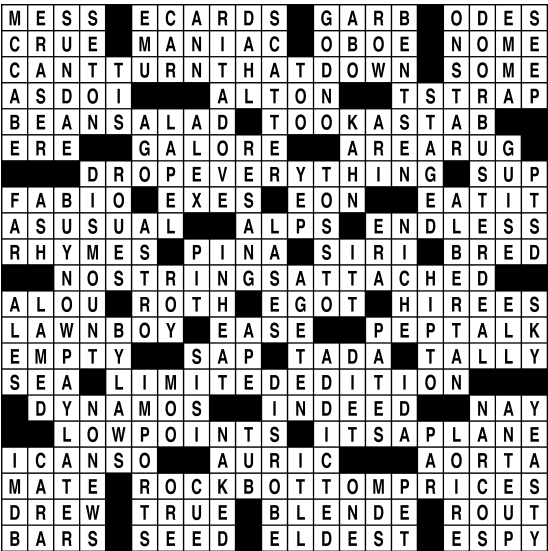


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1. Downes Construction Company, LLC acting as Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) on behalf of the Town of Windham will receive bids electronically in PDF form via Email on December 23, 2021 AT 2:00 PM EST for the individual bid packages identified in the Contract Documents and as indicated below for the Windham High School – Renovate as New project located on 355 High Street, Willimantic, CT.

Bid Package No.	Description (Set-Aside*)	DAS Prequalification Required**	Pre-Bid Walk-Through Date/Time
26.2	Photovoltaic (PV) System (Rebid)	YES – Electrical or Solar	12/14/2021 – 3:30pm

2. Those bidders on packages denoted with asterisk (*) must be certified by the State of Connecticut Supplier Diversity Program as a Small, Minority or Woman Business Enterprise (S/M/WBE).

3. PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT – While there is PLA governing this project, the PV system in its entirety including structure, footings and earthwork is excluded from it.

4. BIDDING REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (RFI) REGARDING THE ABOVE TRADE PACKAGES – All questions regarding bidding procedures, bidding documents and construction procedures are to be directed in RFI form to the Construction Manager Downes Construction Company at windhambid@downesco.com and estimating@downesco.com. All answers will be published by written Addendum. Extension of the RFI deadline may only be revised by written addendum. Questions received verbally will not be answered. The RFI submission deadline is 12/17/2021 at 12 noon EST. RFI submission deadline may be extended by addenda at the CM's discretion.

5. ALL BIDS FOR ALL BID PACKAGES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO windhambid@downesco.com, estimating@downesco.com and townmanager@windhamct.com at the date and time indicated, after which time no further bids will be accepted. All bidders must include the State Project Number, District Name, Project Name and Bid Package Number & Description in the subject line of their email (Example - 163-0079 RNV – Windham High School – BPH 26.2 – Photovoltaic System). Bids received will subsequently be publicly opened and read aloud solely via a web-based live video broadcast shortly after their receipt. A link to the web-based bid opening will be provided via Addendum. Hardcopies will not be accepted.

6. A PRE-BID CONFERENCE AND WALK-THROUGH will be held as per the schedule indicated above at the project site on 355 High Street, Willimantic, CT. The Pre-Bid Walk-Through is not mandatory but bidders are strongly encouraged to attend to review existing conditions. Face coverings are mandatory throughout this walk-through. This project is being performed under the Construction Management form of construction. With respect to this project, the Construction Manager is a representation of the Owner. Each Trade Contractor's contract shall be with the Construction Manager.

7. All bidders who are selected to perform this State project must comply with CONN. GEN. STAT. § 8 4a-60, 4a-60a, 4a-60g, and 46a-68b through 46a-68f, inclusive, as amended by June 2015 Special Session Public Act 15-5, An Affirmative Action Plan must be filed with and approved by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities prior to the commencement of construction. State law requires a minimum of twenty-five (25%) percent of the state-funded portion of the contract for award to subcontractors holding current certification from the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services ("DAS") under the provisions of CONN. GEN. STAT. § 4a-60g, as amended. (25% of the work with DAS certified Small and Minority owned businesses and 25% of that work with DAS certified Minority, Women and/or Disabled owned businesses.) The contractor must demonstrate good faith effort to meet the 25% set-aside goals. For municipal public works contracts and quasi-public agency projects, the contractor must file a written or electronic non-discrimination certification with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. Forms can be found at http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?w=2982&q=390928&opmNav_GID=1806

10. ALL bidders will be required to furnish a 10% Bid Bond or Certified Check along with their bid. Performance and Payment Bonds (100%) will be required. Reference project documents for additional information.

11. Plans, Specifications and Instructions to Bidders may be obtained by contacting Downes Construction at windhambid@downesco.com and estimating@downesco.com only. Documents are expected to be available on or before Wednesday, September 22, 2021. A CITRIX Sharefile electronic mail link will be provided to the documents. Those bidders receiving the documents in this manner will receive Addenda as they are issued.

12. The State of Connecticut Department of Labor and all associated statutes and regulations shall govern labor wages on this project. The successful bidder shall comply with applicable state and local laws and the State of Connecticut requirements.

13. Bidders are reminded that the Owner is exempt from Federal Excise Taxes as well as State of Connecticut Sales Tax to the extent allowed by law.

14. The "Supplemental Instructions" and "General Items – All Trade Packages" and all other special instructions shall be strictly followed by bidders.

15. The Trade Packages will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. However, the Construction Manager and Owner reserve the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities, irregularities, omissions, or technical defects in the bids if deemed in the best interest of the project.

16. No bid shall be accepted from any person/company who is in arrears to the Construction Manager (or its subsidiaries and partners) and/or Owner upon debt, or contract, or who is a defaulter as surety or otherwise upon obligations to the Construction Manager and/or Owner.

17. All bids shall be held open by bidders for a period of ninety (90) days. No bidder may withdraw their bid during that period.

18. Downes Construction Company, LLC is an Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/Women's Business Enterprises are encouraged to participate.

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Art museums working to diversify

Initiatives add greater emphasis on inclusion in staff, leadership, programs and collections

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

When the coronavirus pandemic began, museums closed and projects were put on hold. Now that the health crisis seems on the wane — and in the wake of the racial reckoning that followed the murder of George Floyd — museums are revving up again with a particular focus: diversity, equity and inclusion.

Museums throughout Connecticut have begun or reignited initiatives to diversify their collections, exhibitions, boards of trustees,

community programs and other facets of their mission statements.

“It’s quite overdue. I’ve been director here for about seven years and I’ve been thinking about it for about seven years,” said Sam Quigley, director of the Lyman Allyn Art Museum in New London. “We have to make it our business to serve our local community.”

In November, Lyman Allyn’s board of trustees unanimously adopted a Multicultural Action Plan, with the goal of “intentionally effecting measures to address its historic lack of racial inclusiveness,” the plan’s wording states.

According to the most recent figures on census.gov, the City of New London has a sizable nonwhite population: 33.4% Hispanic, 15% Black and 2.4% Asian.

Of the museum’s approximately 20,000-piece collection, the percentage by nonwhite artists is “very small,” and only one piece is on exhibit, Quigley said. The museum’s 18-member board has one Asian member; the rest are white. Moves are afoot, as part of the Multicultural Action Plan, to address both of those inequities, Quigley said.

“This year, we have increased our fundraising goals by \$50,000.



Leonardo Drew sits with one of his pieces on display at the Wadsworth Atheneum in June. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

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Urwa Hameed, 18, of Vernon, is graduating from Boston College and has published a book. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

READY FOR HER NEXT CHAPTER

At 18, Pakistan native is already a college graduate and author

By Susan Dunne | Hartford Courant

Growing up in a small town in Pakistan where electricity and running water were scarce, Urwa Hameed had two things in abundance: energy and encouragement.

Both have served her well. This month, Hameed, now an 18-year-old Vernon resident, will graduate from Boston College, where she double-majored in political science and international studies and minored in business. From January to May, she will work with a nonprofit she founded, to help immigrants file their taxes. She has just published a book about women politicians in her native Pakistan. And she is studying for her Law School Admissions Test.

“I am a high-energy person. School is not enough for me. I always am doing something,” says Hameed.

Hameed graduated from Rockville High and started at Boston College when she was 15 and finished there in 3 ½ years, going to summer school, traveling the world, doing research for professors, participating in campus activism and writing poetry in Urdu, one of four languages she knows fluently.

Hameed will get her diplomas in the traditional graduation ceremony in May, with her classmates.

Hameed made many friends at Boston College, despite at first not wanting to discuss what set her apart from everyone else on campus.

“I was hesitant to bring up my age. I didn’t want that to be the only lens through which people could look at me,” she says. “Very few people knew that I was that young.”

It is easy to believe Hameed is older than her years. Impressively intelligent, poised and confident, with a quick and precise manner of speaking, she gives off the air of an experienced professional woman.

Hameed’s drive to succeed began in her childhood in a rural town in the Multan province, in the Punjab region of Pakistan. Summer temperatures soared above 100 degrees, many had no electricity and drinkable water could be scarce.

“The desert was 20 minutes away. The groundwater was sour. There were filtration systems, but without electricity, you can’t use them,” she says.

In this atmosphere, Hameed grew up, admiring her father. He owned farmland, where wheat, mangos and cotton were grown. He also was an immigration attorney who traveled frequently in his work to the United States and Great Britain. As part of his work, he ran a pro bono legal clinic for the poor.

“He was a government advocate for ushr and zakat, which is a way of redistributing alms to the poor. Zakat is one of the five pillars of Islam,” she says. “He helped people file paperwork, get green cards.”

“Politics is seen as the realm of men, where women are not welcome. They have to work every day to keep their space.”

— Urwa Hameed

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Trinity has big plans for Parkville

College aims to become partner in development of innovation district

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — With deep roots in Hartford’s past, Trinity College is seeking to become a partner in the city’s push to build a 21st-century innovation corridor in the Parkville neighborhood — a smaller yet still strong version of what Yale University has done for biotech in New Haven.

“We know that we are perfect educational partners for this kind of effort, even though you might think, you know, Yale, obviously big and who they are,” Joanne Berger-Sweeney, Trinity’s president, said. “But here’s this little, very creative, innovative liberal arts college that could be a perfect partner for an innovation corridor.”

Momentum is building for an innovation district in Parkville, an area of the city that is contiguous to where Trinity’s campus has stood since 1878.

Trinity also stood side by side as innovation flourished in Parkville in the early 1900s as manufacturers turned out bicycles, typewriters and automobiles.

A century later, Berger-Sweeney said Trinity can play a critical role in bringing a new generation of innovation in the neighborhood. The focus would likely be

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Joanne Berger-Sweeney, Trinity College president, sees a role for the college in an innovation district envisioned for Hartford’s Parkville neighborhood. COURANT FILE PHOTO

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The money will be specifically earmarked for exhibitions and acquisitions for works by artists in marginalized communities,” he said.

Among those exhibitions will be a 2023 show of work by Barkley Hendricks (1945-2017), a Black New London resident famed for his large-scale portraiture of Black people. Works by Hendricks are in Lyman Allyn’s collection, as well as work by Romare Bearden and recently acquired pieces by Black artists Alonzo Davis, Kara Walker and Yinka Shonibare.

Four positions will be added to the board of trustees, Quigley said, and members of the region’s nonwhite communities will be especially sought out for those posts.

“That will bring us up to 20-plus percent nonwhite,” he said. “For us these are ambitious goals. We’re trying to evolve and really become the institution that we’ve been talking about the last couple of years.”

Other elements of the Multicultural Action Plan are recruiting employees of color, organizing programs on multicultural topics and forging community collaborations with diversity-focused groups.

Fairfield University

Fairfield University Art Museum is focusing efforts on acquisitions. The museum announced in November that it has set up a fund dedicated exclusively to buying works by contemporary Black artists.

“We believe that there is no better way to celebrate the excellence of Black history and culture than through art, so we decided to make it a priority to develop this aspect of our permanent collection,” museum Executive Director Carey Weber said.

The fund has been seeded with \$20,000, with a fund-raising goal of \$40,000. So far, \$25,000 has been raised. All money raised by the museum during the recent Giving Tuesday went to the Black Art Fund.

Weber said until now, the museum has had no permanent budget for acquisition, since almost every piece in its approximately 2,000-piece collection was donated.

Acquisitions from the fund already have begun. A “Cardboard Slave Kit, Abolitionist Blend DIY” by Roberto Visani was purchased, as well as “Peaceful Protesters: Nina Simone II,” a ceramic mug by Roberto Lugo.

A focus on acquisitions often turns into a focus on exhibition, as is the case in Fairfield. An exhibit of ceramics by Lugo is on view until Dec. 18, alongside an exhibit by Black photographer Carrie Mae Weems, whose works focus on the killing of Black people by police.

The creation of the Black Art Fund also inspired one donor to donate a piece by a Black artist. On Wednesday, Fairfield received a print by African-American color field painter Sam Gilliam. It became the first print by a Black artist to enter the collection.

Yale

It was announced Wednesday that Yale Center for British Art in New Haven, with Yale University Art Gallery, acquired a 2017 Kehinde Wiley work, “Portrait of Lynette Yiadom-Boakye, Jacob Morland of Coplethwaite.” It depicts artist Yiadom-Boakye dressed as a huntress in the style of British artist George Romney’s 18th-century portrait of Morland, replacing a white man with a Black woman.

Wylie, one of the most prominent Black artists working today, is known for re-interpreting classic artworks, inserting Black characters. However, he is best known for his official portrait of President Barack Obama, which hangs in the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery.

Another recent acquisition by British Art was a work by Vietnam-born photographer An-My Lê. Both Wiley and Lê are Yale



Carey Weber is executive director of the Fairfield University Art Museum where an exhibit titled “Roberto Lugo: New Ceramics” is on display. In the wake of the racial reckoning that followed the murder of George Floyd, museums throughout Connecticut are focusing on increasing diversity and equity in their staff, leadership and collections. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**



An artwork by Martine Gutierrez, a Guatemalan American transwoman, was among 19 works by 13 women acquired this year by the New Britain Museum of American Art. **MARTINE GUTIERREZ/COURTESY NEW BRITAIN MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART**

graduates.

These acquisitions follow a re-interpretation of another artwork owned by British Art, which culminated in October 2020 when the museum replaced one painting on exhibit with another.

The removed painting was a 1719 depiction of university benefactor Elihu Yale and other white men, waited on by an enslaved, collared Black child. That painting was replaced with a 2016 re-imagining of that work by New Haven-based Black artist Titus Kaphar. Kaphar’s work, “Enough About You,” shows the boy — uncollared and framed in gold — with the crumpled canvas trailing behind him.

A summary of the research that went into the switch describes Kaphar’s motivation: “By literally reframing [the painting] and depicting the child as a singular individual, defiant and rid of his collar, Kaphar’s work demonstrates how historic depictions of people of African descent in the Black Atlantic intersect with contemporary issues of inequality and the continued lack of representation of Black people today. In his own words, Kaphar ‘wanted to find a way to imagine a life for this young man that the historical painting had never made space for in the composition: his desires, dreams, family, thoughts, hopes. Those things were never subjects that the original artist wanted the viewer to contemplate.’”

The switch and new research into the painting was overseen by Courtney J. Martin, a Black woman who took the helm of the museum in 2019. Kaphar’s work was on the wall for six months. The 1719 painting is again on view, with a new title, “Elihu Yale with Members of his Family and an Enslaved Child.” Previous titles ignored the child or downplayed his juvenile subjugation, calling him “a page” or “an enslaved servant.”

Melissa Parsoff, spokeswoman for Yale University Art Gallery, said the gallery launched a strategic plan

this year. “The gallery’s collective belief in equality, inclusion, and racial justice is expressed throughout this plan and much of their work in this area will unfold over the next few years,” Parsoff said.

YUAG works with community organizations in the predominantly nonwhite city to recruit interns, staffers and artists-in-residence, and works with multicultural experts to guide interpretation of artwork and exhibits, she said. Parsoff added that these collaborations will guide exhibits in the future, including “Bámigbóyè: A Master Sculptor of the Yorùbá Tradition,” which will open in fall 2022.

Arts funding

The state’s premier arts-funding administrator, Connecticut Office of the Arts, asks questions about diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) policies from organizations and entities applying for grants. A fiscal year 2022 application supplied by the COA reads “By statute, the information provided cannot be used to evaluate your application. However, it may be used to inform future programming that helps support equity.”

Among the questions on that application are “Does your organization have a board-approved DEI policy that addresses targeted, oppressed populations and/or Black, Indigenous, and People of Color ... staff, board members and/or audiences?”; “Has your organization offered its staff, board members and/or volunteers professional development ... or other training related to diversity, equity and inclusion?”; “Does your organization allocate funding to organization-wide DEI initiatives?”; and “Indicate the amount of funding allocated to organization-wide DEI initiatives for three ... fiscal years.”

The application also requires applicants to specify the ethnicity of members of their board, staff and contractual workers. That section of the application



A glazed ceramic cup with Nina Simone and the handle of a gun is one of the pieces the Fairfield University Art Museum purchased recently with the museum’s Black Art Fund. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**



“Groovin’ High,” a 1996 silkscreen by Faith Ringgold, is in the collection of the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury. **FAITH RINGGOLD/COURTESY MATTATUCK MUSEUM**

concludes with “What actions are you taking to racially diversify your organization’s board and staff?”

Elizabeth Shapiro, director of arts, preservation and museums for the COA, wrote in an email to The Courant “We are working with CT Humanities to standardize the collection of data from our applicants so that we, as funders, have a better idea of where our grantees are in terms of diversity on the boards, staffs and visitors or patrons. ... Once we have a better sector-wide idea of where our organizations are, we can begin to move the needle to foster better more equitable practices across organizations.”

Another major funder, Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, also has begun asking questions about DEI. Its Access Grant program was created “with the intention of supporting organizations that share our strategic goal of dismantling structural racism, including by advancing equitable social and economic mobility by supporting sustainable solutions in Greater Hartford,” the grant’s rubric states.

The grant application asks questions about the ethnic makeup of the organization’s leadership and staff and the communities it serves, as well as “how the proposed work would directly and effectively contribute to the dismantling of structural racism and/or equitable social and economic mobility.”

HFPG spokesman Chris Senecal called the questions “pretty indicative of the type of questions and qualifications we are looking for in all our grantees.”

Florence Griswold

Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme recently has acquired work by Black artists, including an image of cotton-field workers by the late Winfred Rembert of New Haven and a work by Charles Ethan Porter, a 19th- and 20th-century Rockville resident. The museum already had a Porter in its

collections.

Amy Kurtz Lansing, curator at the Griswold, said of the approximately 1,500 visual arts items in the museum’s collection, “a very small number, not even 1%” are by artists of color. One of those pieces is by Kaphar. The museum also has worked with Jackie Sumell, a New Orleans artist who creates “solitary gardens” evoking solitary-confinement cells.

Lansing said the Griswold’s history — it is on the site of, and dedicated to the legacy of, a legendary art colony whose members were all white — has dominated its decisions in the past, but the museum wants to expand on that.

“We have a lot of ground to make up. For decades of its existence, it was not a comprehensive collection of American art,” she said.

The Griswold is working with the community organization Public Art for Racial Justice Education (PARJE) to promote the work of artists of color. The Griswold also plans a class about African American art in its upcoming Winter Studies program.

Also working with PARJE is the Slater Museum at Norwich Free Academy. “The museum is also working to realign its collecting and programming goals to bring new visibility and interpretation to artists of color, including Norwich artist Ellis Ruley,” said Slater spokesman Dayne Rugh.

Jessica Kelley, spokeswoman for Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, said “significant” reinstallations of galleries are planned to “to better enable visitors of all backgrounds to see themselves represented.” She said the focus is on historically neglected African, Caribbean, Mexican and Indigenous holdings “to reevaluate their significance and, as warranted, develop plans for their display.”

In 2020 and 2021, Wadsworth Atheneum added to its collection, by gift or purchase, work by artists of color such as Leonardo Drew, Peter Bentzon,

M. Hoyris, Todd Gray, Los Carpinteros collective of Cuban artists, Manuel Álvarez Bravo, Ali Banisadr and Edgar Heap of Birds, as well as art by women such as Lee Krasner, Ellen Carey, Linda Stark, Liliane Tomasko, Shona McAndrew and Medrie MacPhee.

Women

Another marginalized artistic community — women — has been the focus at New Britain Museum of American Art, which exclusively showed work by women in 2020 and 2021. Lisa Lappe, spokeswoman for NBMAA, said that last summer the board of trustees approved acquisition of 19 works by 13 women artists. No other purchases were made in that period. The focus on women, Lappe said, has overlapped into a focus on nonwhite artists.

“As a result of the acquisitions, we doubled the number of Black ... female artists, increased the number of Asian American female artists and tripled the number of Latin American female artists represented in our permanent collection,” Lappe said. “In addition, two paintings by Jaune Quick-to-See Smith were the first works by an indigenous American woman ever to enter our collection.”

Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum in Ridgefield also plans a focus on women. “52 Artists: A Feminist Milestone,” opening in June, will be the Aldrich’s largest-ever exhibit. It will focus on the evolution of feminist art with work by artists who participated in a landmark 1971 show “alongside a new roster of 26 female-identifying or nonbinary emerging artists,” said Aldrich spokeswoman Emily Devoe.

“Of the emerging artists participating in this exhibition, who were selected in 2021, almost three quarters identify as Black, indigenous or a person of color,” Devoe said.

Alongside its focus on women is a focus on nonwhite artists. Currently on view at Aldrich are exhibits by artists of color, “Hugo McCloud: from where I stand,” “Lucia Hierro, Marginal Costs” and “Adrienne Elise Tarver: The Sun, the Moon, and the Truth.” Coming up next year is the first solo exhibit by indigenous artist Duane Slick, “The Coyote Makes the Sunset Better.”

Mattatuck

Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury is ahead of the game on DEI. “In reviewing acquisitions made from 2012 to today, we found that nearly 70% of the works acquired were by women and/or BIPOC artists,” said museum spokeswoman Stephanie Harris. Among these artists are Faith Ringgold, Elizabeth Catlett, Michael Cummings, Nathaniel Donnett, Nicholas Galanin and F. Luis Mora.

In the same period, Mattatuck has produced 30 solo women artist exhibits, six group woman artist exhibits, 10 solo artists of color exhibits, and 13 group artist of color exhibits, Harris said. The most recent was “A Face Like Mine,” a 100-year retrospective of African American representational art mounted in 2021.

Mattatuck’s latest strategic plan, released in October, lists as one objective to “increase diversity among the museum’s human resources, including staff and board, in an intentional way.” It also includes a land acknowledgment:

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advanced manufacturing — appropriate given the city’s industrial past — and cost-saving technology for the insurance industry, a big employer in Hartford.

Trinity’s involvement in Parkville is still in the early stages of discussion at the college. But it could mean faculty and students working with startups, plus the potential for some funding, Berger-Sweeney said.

“When you think of innovation corridors and where they thrive, it is usually where there are strong educational institutions that are also there,” Berger-Sweeney said. “And I think that is because educational institutions don’t just teach specific skills, but a mindset: how to learn, how to teach yourself something, how to unlearn in light of new information and relearn.”

Trinity already has a partnership in a similar vein with tech giant Infosys, which has established a hub in downtown Hartford.

“Bits and pieces of a liberal arts education could be very valuable to people who have a great idea for a startup,” Berger-Sweeney said. “I think we’re great at stimulating creativity: So how do you refine that idea? How do you test and refine what you are doing?”

While Trinity is a liberal arts college, it is also entrepreneurial, Berger-Sweeney said, its faculty not wanting to just think “great thoughts” but also seeking to have an impact on the world around them.



Sidewalks are installed on Bartholomew Avenue in Hartford, where there is a push to redevelop vacant, blighted buildings into an innovation corridor, with Bartholomew Avenue, the “spine.” MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

Berger-Sweeney said she recalled a course on designing apps for Android systems that drew tens of thousands of students when classes went remote.

“That came out of a liberal arts college,” Berger-Sweeney said.

Berger-Sweeney said she is encouraged that a major manufacturer such as New Britain-based Stanley Black & Decker is helping lead efforts in Parkville, and the

state has launched a competitive grant program to encourage innovation districts. Hartford is applying for one of them, which could award up to \$50 million over five years.

For years, Parkville has been known for its arts, entertainment and culture, highlighted by the contemporary arts organization Real Art Ways.

More recently, the Parkville

Market, Hartford’s take on New York City’s Chelsea Market, has thrived even though debuting in the pandemic. An expansion is now in the works.

The market’s developer, Carlos Mouta, is now pursuing financing for what would be a key piece of the innovation district, at the corner of Bartholomew Avenue and Hamilton Street.

The old Whitney Manufacturing

Co. building would become space for startups and 189 apartments. Central to the idea of an innovation district is that it would bring together housing, work space, shops, restaurants and entertainment.

Berger-Sweeney has made bold moves before at Trinity. In 2015, a year after Berger-Sweeney arrived in Hartford, Trinity purchased a downtown building on Constitution Plaza to show it wanted to participate in the city’s downtown revitalization.

Although the college ultimately sold the property because it was too large, Trinity still maintains a presence on Constitution Plaza in leased space for its Trinity Innovation Center. The center is the location of its programs with Infosys and a digital health accelerator.

Berger-Sweeney said she hopes a partnership with the Parkville district will serve to further strengthen the college’s ties with the city, which have ebbed and flowed over time. It also is an opportunity to break out of the traditional college mold.

“I still want to do well what we do here,” Berger-Sweeney said. “But [there may be] a capacity to share more broadly what we do with a broader range of people who may not have every criteria that would be necessary to get into Trinity College at the age of 18 or 19?”

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The importance of education was instilled in Hameed from a young age.

“It was very hard. The closest school was 2 ½ hours away” by bus, she says. “I had to go to Quran school, too. I got up early and wouldn’t get home until 10, 10:30 at night.”

As she got older, she moved to Islamabad, the country’s capital.

“My sister and I ... had to live there to get access to education,” she says. In Islamabad, she missed her family.

“The void was always there.”

Later, her father decided to bring his family to the United States. Then tragedy struck. Always sickly and

often overworked, her father died while processing his family’s final immigration paperwork. The rest of Urwa’s family — her sister, her two brothers and their mother — went ahead with the plans to go to America. They settled in Vernon, where several of Hameed’s aunts lived.

Hameed’s education here got off to a rocky start.

“I was initially placed in Vernon Center Middle School. I was quite upset. I told my mother, this is really easy,” she says. “The math and English classes were teaching me things I had learned four years ago. I was intellectually unchallenged and frustrated.”

Later, she was pushed up two grades and finished at Rockville High before moving on to Boston College.

Hameed is fluent in Punjabi and Urdu. She can fluently read and write Arabic, which she learned in Quran school. She learned English in Pakistan, but didn’t become verbally fluent until emigrating.

“I never spoke to anyone in English there,” she says. She also speaks Saraiki, a Pakistani language, “at about 90%.”

“The tribe who worked on our farmland, they spoke it. My family interacted with them,” she says. Since coming to America, she has learned a bit of Spanish.

At Boston College, Hameed got a job in the office of residential life and she did research for professors who were writing books. As a freshman, she traveled to the Balkans to study the philosophy of war and peace. She unsuccessfully

ran for student body president and she advocated for Halal food and a mosque on campus.

She also traveled back to Pakistan three times to research her self-published book titled “Steering Toward Change: Women Politicians Challenging Patriarchy, Class and Power in Pakistan,” for which she interviewed and profiled 45 Pakistani women politicians.

“Every one of these women had to overcome a patriarchal culture to succeed. Politics is seen as the realm of men, where women are not welcome. They have to work every day to keep their space,” she says. “Women’s interests are not represented in politics. They have that urge to represent women.”

She was happy at Boston College, a Catholic school, although she is

Muslim. The student body, about 9,000 people, has about 250 Muslims, she says.

“I am a practicing and believing Muslim. I was more comfortable being my religious self in a religious school than I would have been in a secular school,” she says.

Now she is preparing her next step. She may go to law school. If she doesn’t, she will enroll in a master’s program in international affairs. Remembering her days in Islamabad, she wants to stay close to home.

“I want to be close to the area, close to my family, somewhere in New York, Massachusetts or Connecticut,” she says.

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R.I.P. transitory inflation



Jill Schlesinger
Jill on Money

A week ahead of the Federal Reserve's final meeting of the year, Chair Jerome Powell testified before the Senate Banking Committee and admitted what most economists had been saying for some time: The term “transitory” has overstayed its welcome when it comes to describing inflation.

For months, Fed officials have clung to the notion that the current surge in prices is transitory, or temporary. This belief allowed the central bankers to maintain two emergency measures put in place to combat the economic fallout from the COVID recession: \$120 billion worth of monthly bond buying, which was intended to prevent financial markets from freezing up; and

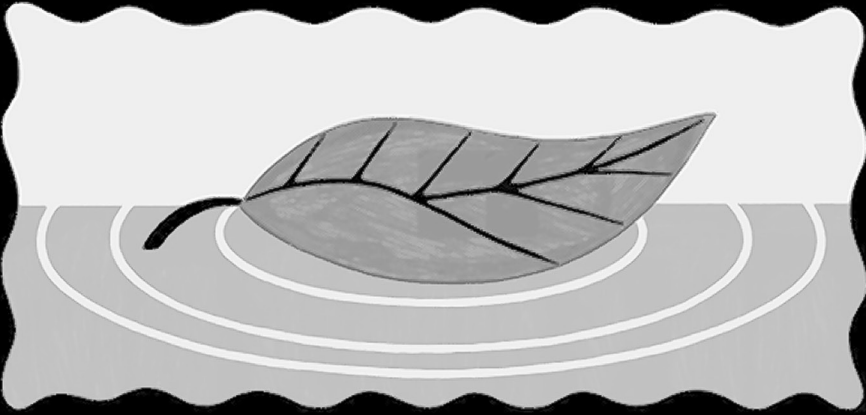
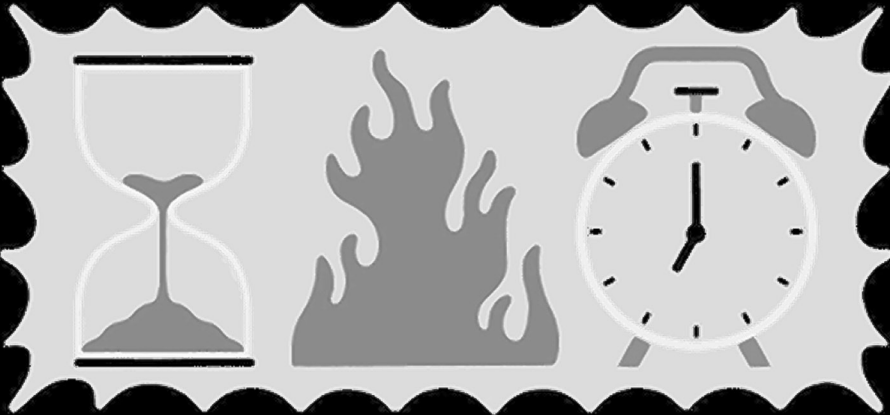
0% short-term interest rates, which would encourage borrowing and lending among consumers and businesses. With US growth bouncing back after the surge of the Delta variant, Fed officials used their November meeting to outline the strategy for normalizing policy in the months ahead. The first step would be to reduce the amount of bonds that they were buying by \$15 billion a month. When that was done (mid-2022), officials would turn their attention to raising short-term interest rates. But during the Congressional testimony, just a few weeks after the Fed meeting, Powell said they could accelerate that timetable, which caught some by surprise. After all, what had really changed in three weeks? Perhaps the fact that inflation is running at the quickest pace in three decades. Or maybe it was dour readings of consumer sentiment. Or maybe Powell has concluded that the Fed's dual mandate, which is to ensure the economy grows enough to get people back into the labor market while not creating inflation, is out of whack.

Regardless of the reason, Powell's comments, coming on the heels of the WHO announcement of the new COVID variant Omicron, threw investors for a loop. Considering the uncertainty that abounds, some decided that they would rather sell their stock positions, while still sitting atop more than 20% returns for the year. Thomas Mathews of Capital Economics notes that inflation at these levels “historically, has coincided with very poor stock market returns ... in years of 6% or higher inflation since 1900, real returns from US equities have been negative, on average ... But so far, the stock market is showing no signs of being at any sort of inflation ‘tipping point.’” Well, that's good news, but Mathews also warns that there is a chance that “inflation remains high enough to put the brakes on the stock market's gains.” Does this mean that you should abandon stocks and go to cash? Come on, you know the answer to that question. As always, the advice remains: Stick to your game plan, which hopefully incorporates a diversified portfolio of holdings that can see you through various conditions. To that point, the folks at Vanguard have crunched the

numbers on the historical risk and return among income, balanced and growth portfolios from 1926-2020 (<https://investor.vanguard.com/investing/how-to-invest/model-portfolio-allocation>). The results are a good reminder that you need not be a hero and select the best performing asset class — or specific security — in any given year. Rather, it's best to understand when you will need access to your investments and how comfortable you are with the gyrations of markets from year to year. You may be the kind of person who believes that earning an average annual return of 10.3% for a 100% stock portfolio is totally worth the high-highs and the low-lows. Conversely, you might prefer to limit those ranges and be perfectly content with an average annual return of 9.1% for a portfolio with 60% stocks and 40% bonds. Whatever your decision, avoid allowing market movements to spook you into changing your plan.

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These 3 small mindset shifts will help you feel a much-needed sense of achievement at work



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By Juliet Funt | Fast Company

Bryan Berg is a professional card stacker. He holds four Guinness World Records, including the tallest and largest house of cards — all free-standing. (As he says, “No tape, no glue, no tricks.”) Ironically, in Berg's daily life, he describes himself as “the first person who would ever trip or spill a drink,” yet with the cards, his control is spectacular.

At trade shows he sleeps on-site, each day waking to behold the new layer or castle turret he added the day before, slowly seeing his undeniable progress.

What a clear and gratifying experience that must be.

In simple moments, we too can have this kind of observable accomplishment. A sink full of greasy dishes turns into an empty one. A thousand jigsaw puzzle pieces become a golden retriever. But in the world of work, where there's so much pressure to be productive, it's especially tough to get that hit of before-and-after satisfaction. We spend most of our time in the messy middle of projects and are constantly putting out fires. We fly through to-do lists and stuff our calendars in search of a feeling of “I built that.” And yet we find ourselves lost in a constant state of what sociologist Juliet B. Shor calls “performative busyness.”

Activity is not productivity. To be productive means to create something of value. In the past 18 months, we've seen surprising examples of the value that can be created, even amid the chaos. We've learned that for many, working from home can be as productive as being in the office, and that a timeline

for almost anything can be accelerated beyond our wildest dreams. But we've also seen that work can be a bottomless sinkhole where we numb our anxieties about the world around us and fill time with low-value tasks.

We crave the before-after reward more than ever. Right now, each of us has a spectacular opportunity to satisfy this yearning. As companies around the globe rethink what tomorrow's workplace will look like, we can reset expectations and be more intentional about the way we choose to work.

We must first prepare the environment. Just as Berg sweeps the floor and checks the cards before he starts stacking, we need to create a context in which a dependable cycle of building, witnessing and celebration can happen. It can begin with just three small, critical shifts in how you view your workday.

Clarity must come first

All of us are being called upon to adapt to ever-shifting pandemic protocols and face ongoing, rapid professional change. Life is a buffet of ambiguity right now, and everyone is craving clarity. But it's often missing.

As managers, we tend to think we're explaining the full picture of a new project or assignment (it makes sense to us), but then underestimate the mind reading required to fill in the gaps. We fail to state, out loud in specific language, why a piece of work is being done, what the scope is, who else to involve, or precisely when it's due. Teams then dive in, making costly and often incorrect guesses about which direction to run, how fast, and with what resources.

If you're a manager or leader, your team needs you to slow down. Fill in the details and point them explicitly toward specific high-value before-after opportunities.

Work has to change

Too often, people wake up to face workdays that involve multiple levels of tolerated misery. Truly meaningful assignments continue to be scarce. Bosses who are bullies inexplicably remain employed.

Even when supervisors strive to care, they often do not have the tools or time to be empathetic.

Enough. The Great Resignation has arrived, and high performers are shouting from the rooftops, “Lose the crazy or I am out of here.” When employees feel disrespected and overloaded, they can no longer find meaning or autonomy in their work — the two most powerful forms of professional fuel.

Change has already begun. Zoom has unveiled our real lives and given us a good start at getting more human with each other. When the CFO's cat walks across his keyboard, and our baby cries in the budget meeting, we become more genuine and connected. We must not let this warmth recede.

Leaders can amplify these new bonds with one simple tactic: Make a vulnerable admission. Reveal a personal flaw or a mistake made, and this brave gesture will stimulate a wave of authenticity.

You are not a robot

The next time a captcha screen has you identifying spotlights or bicycles to

confirm your humanity, take a moment to hear its important message as you click the little boxes. You are not a robot. Traditional productivity hacks, such as time blocking, tell us that we must be constantly moving and achieving in every second of the day.

This is not sustainable. We need the softness of schedules designed for people (with bodies and appetites and bladders), and we need room for human messiness.

Productivity, going forward, will simply have to be gentler. We must give people permission to take a minute to think — or breathe or ponder or plan.

We must slow our collective metro-nome and eradicate the shame of rest.

To begin, insert a small wedge of open time between activities that previously would have been connected: a meeting and another meeting, a request and a response, or an idea and enacting a plan. These wedges will lace your day with tiny intervals of much-needed space.

There will always be impermanence in the work we do. Even Berg's card houses inevitably collapse. But if we encourage clear direction, thoughtful cultures and humane expectations of ourselves, we will be better positioned to experience more before-and-after victories.

Even in the absence of larger organizational changes, you can take back some control. You can keep a simple piece of paper next to your computer and each morning write down just one or two before-after moments to focus on. And as you build, layer by delicate layer, these accomplishments will ground you, and fill you, and get you ready for whatever comes next.

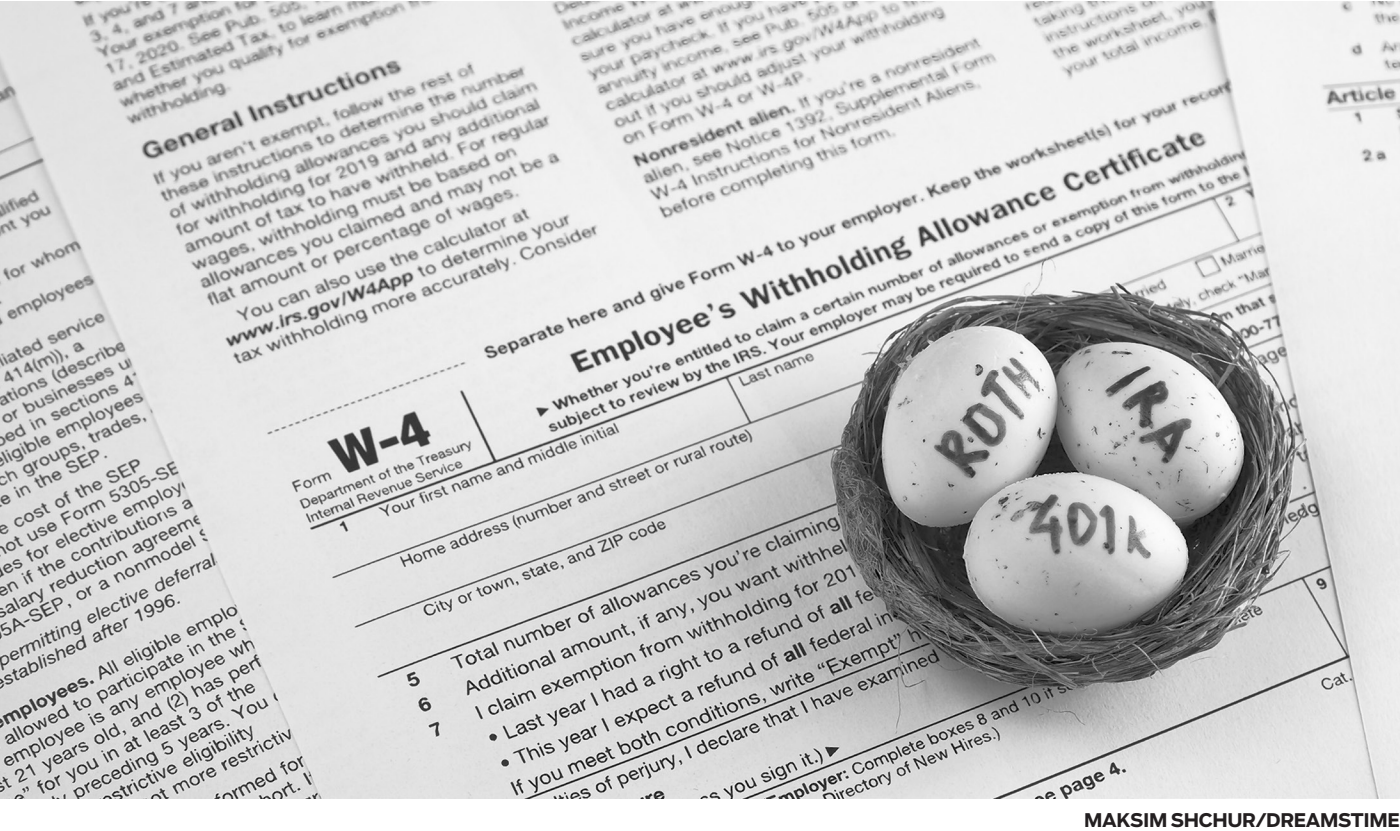


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Federal student loan payment pause is ending

Stop waiting for a student loan forgiveness miracle, and start preparing to resume or restructure your student loan payments by Feb. 1, 2022. The Department of Education's student loan repayment pause began in March 2020 and ends on Jan. 31, 2022. In the interim, no interest has accrued on federal student loans and no payments were required. Few private lenders offered forbearance on student loans.

The possibility of a full or even partial student loan forgiveness program was raised on the campaign trail. But like many other political musings, it has fallen by the wayside as the Biden administration and Congress wrangle over the debt ceiling, the federal budget and social infrastructure spending.

It's not as if the Biden administration has done nothing to deal with this \$1.8 trillion student loan albatross that is affecting 43 million borrowers. There have been several rounds of loan forgiveness (in March, July and August 2021) for loans made to students of bankrupt or fraudulent institutions. And there has been more than \$5 billion of loan forgiveness for permanently and totally disabled borrowers.

Also, the current administration is taking action to make more borrowers who work for nonprofits eligible for Public Service Loan Forgiveness, which forgives the remaining balance on their Direct Loans after they have made 120 qualifying monthly payments while working full time for a qualifying employer. In more than a decade of this program under previous administrations, fewer than 5,000 loans had been forgiven. That's changing, and you can learn more about this PSLF program at StudentAid.gov.

That still leaves millions of borrowers the task of dealing with older student loans, some of which carry rates as high as 8%. (Federal borrowers have a one-time opportunity to consolidate loans at lower rates, but private lenders rarely negotiate a rate cut.) The interest is the real burden, and in previous columns I have argued that outstanding student loan rates should be tied to the rate the government pays to borrow on 10-year Treasury IOUs — currently about 1.5% — and annually be readjusted.

It's time to get organized to restart those monthly payments. Here are a few tips to get you ahead of the curve:

Contact your loan servicer. They will be sending out emails and letters advising you to set up a repayment plan. But you might have moved in the interim, or those emails could be mistaken for spam. It's your job to update your information at each and every loan servicer.

Make a plan to start repayments. That might mean setting up an automatic payment with your checking account or resuming those suspended payments.

Apply for an income-based repayment plan. If you lost your job or your income has dropped, you can set up a plan that requires low monthly payments (although over the long run you'll pay more in interest). That's better than a default on your credit report.

And here's one tip: While the payment pause is still in effect, any payments you make in December or January will be credited against your principle (unless you had any previously accrued interest). So, if you can send some money now, it will lower the balance on which you will be paying interest in the future.

Don't procrastinate. The end of the federal student loan payment pause issue will make headlines in late January, and the servicers will be overloaded. The time to act is now, before the year-end. To learn more, go to Studentaid.gov.

The worst thing you can do is ignore this payment restart. It's far better to make a plan for reduced payments than to ruin your credit. And that's The Savage Truth.

■ A recent column gave incorrect age information for mandatory withdrawals from tax-sheltered retirement accounts. The column should have said the age is 72.

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Roth IRAs vs. Roth 401(k)s



Elliot Raphaelson
The Savings Game

Roth IRAs and Roth 401(k) plans are both great ways to invest for retirement, each conferring significant tax advantages. But don't make the mistake of mentally equating them. They differ, and it's important to understand how.

Recently, Ed Slott and Co. published a useful discussion of the differences on the company website (www.irahelp.com). I'll recap some of the points made.

In 2021 and 2022, individuals with sufficient income can contribute up to \$6,000 per year (\$7,000 for individuals 50 or older) to a Roth IRA as long as their income does not exceed specified limits. For married couples, the modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) for 2021 must be under \$208,000; for single filers, the MAGI must be under \$140,000. Employees eligible to contribute to Roth 401(k)s in 2021 can contribute up to \$19,500 (up to \$26,000 for employees 50 or older); in 2022 up to \$20,500 (up to \$27,000 for employees 50 or older). For Roth 401(k) employees, there are no restrictions based on income levels.

There is no combined limit for contributions to Roth IRAs and Roth 401(k)s. So, for example, for 2021, if your employer offers a Roth 401(k) account, you could contribute a combined total of \$25,500; if

you are 50 or older, you could contribute \$33,000.

The advantages of Roth 401(k)s over Roth IRAs are:

- Higher annual limits and no income restrictions.
- Stronger creditor protection. ERISA offers protection against non-bankruptcy creditor lawsuits. This protection does not apply to Thrift Savings Plan and solo 401(k) accounts.
- Matching employer contributions in some plans.
- Loan options available. Some plans offer life insurance options.
- At age 55 or older, no early distribution penalty.

The advantages of Roth IRAs over Roth 401(k)s are:

- No lifetime RMDs for both owners and surviving spouses. Roth 401(k)s are subject to RMDs.
- More investment options. The only restrictions are associated with most collectibles, life insurance and S corporation stock.
- Better accessibility. Roth IRA accounts can be withdrawn at any time. (However, there can be an early withdrawal penalty before 59 ½.) Employees still working with Roth 401(k) accounts cannot make withdrawals before 59 ½ except for financial hardship.
- Easier to satisfy "qualified" distribution rules. Earnings from both Roth IRAs and Roth 401(k)s can be withdrawn tax free if qualified. Qualified distributions are based on a "triggering effect" and

satisfying a five-year holding period for both Roth IRAs and Roth 401(k)s. The triggering effect is age 59 ½, death or disability. A first-time home purchase also qualifies for Roth 401(k)s. The five-year holding period is easier to meet for Roth IRAs. The five-year period starts on Jan. 1 of the year the IRA owner opens any Roth IRA. For Roth 401(k)s, the five-year period begins Jan. 1 of the year the employee makes contributions to that 401(k) plan. So, if an employee maintains more than one 401(k) plan, he must keep track of the starting date separately.

■ More favorable "non-qualified" distribution rules. Contributions to Roth IRAs are tax free and penalty free no matter which account contributions to Roth IRAs are made. Conversions to Roth IRAs are always tax free but are subject to penalty if the withdrawal is made before 59 ½ and within five years of the conversion. Earnings from Roth IRAs are possibly subject to penalty when they are non-qualified. When non-qualified withdrawals are made from Roth 401(k)s, a portion of the distribution is usually taxable because pro rata rules apply. For example, the taxable portion is the percentage of the amount of earnings divided by the total value of the Roth account balance.

Bottom line: There are advantages to both types of accounts. If you meet the eligibility requirements, there is no reason why you can't use both options to your advantage.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.

INVESTING

A bounce-back year for dividends

By Adam Shell
Kiplinger's Personal Finance

A record profit rebound for U.S. companies powered by the reopening of the economy puts the S&P 500 index on track in 2021 for its 10th straight year of record dividend payouts. Here are seven standouts that have hiked payouts an average of 55 years in a row:

3M, the maker of Post-it Notes, ACE bandages and a myriad of other consumer, industrial, electronic and health care products, extended its streak of consecutive dividend increases to 63 years in 2021. The conglomerate's bottom line has been crimped by rising costs for raw materials, worker pay and transporting goods, as well as legal costs related to lawsuits involving military earplugs. Still, business remains sound.

Air Products & Chemicals started 2021 with a 12% dividend increase, but its shares have tumbled nearly 10% over the past year. Analysts blame the underperformance on pandemic headwinds and uncertainties surrounding an energy project in Saudi Arabia. But both drags appear to be mostly in the rearview mirror.

Emerson Electric, the maker of climate-control systems and automation products that help businesses improve efficiency, is in rebound mode. Following fiscal 2020's profit contraction, annual earnings are forecast to grow 10%, on



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average, over the next three to five fiscal years, according to Zacks Investment Research. A profit pop bodes well for free cash flow and, hence, dividends, which have risen for 64 years straight.

Johnson & Johnson has been in the spotlight thanks to its COVID-19 vaccine. The health care giant forecasts \$2.5 billion in COVID-19 vaccine sales for 2021, but that is just a fraction of its 2021 revenue forecast of \$94.6 billion. J&J boasts a deep drug pipeline, ample cash flow and a diverse revenue base that includes its pharmaceutical business, its consumer

health business and its medical-device division. J&J is on course to boost its dividend by 5% in 2022, according to Argus analysts.

McDonald's in September increased its dividend for the 45th straight year since its first payout in 1976, when a Big Mac cost 75 cents (it goes for \$3.99 today). The fast-food chain's business is heating up, powered by the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, price increases and a spike in app-driven sales to customers who can order and get their burgers and fries without ever setting foot in a restaurant. McDonald's global sales in the first six months of the year surpassed pre-pandemic levels.

Procter & Gamble, the consumer packaged-goods giant that brings you Mr. Clean, is Mr. Consistency when it comes to dividend hikes. A 10% increase earlier this year was the company's 65th consecutive annual increase. In its most recent fiscal year, which ended in June, P&G paid out \$8.3 billion in dividends, and the company has indicated it will pay out more than \$8 billion again in fiscal 2022.

Walmart stock has been a bit of a dud. The retailer is now less of a speedy grower and more of a steady cruiser, with a dividend payout that has risen for 48 consecutive years.

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IRS new tax bracket list: Here's what's changing due to inflation

Adjustments in the Internal Revenue Service annual inflation adjustments for the 2022 tax year see increases in things like the marginal tax rate as well as the standard deduction. We've listed the most prominent changes below, which the IRS notes "generally apply to tax returns filed in 2023."



Top marginal tax rates, single filers:

- The top marginal tax rate for incomes over \$215,950 is 35%
- The top marginal tax rate for income over \$170,050 is 32%
- The top marginal tax rate for income over \$89,075 is 24%
- The top marginal tax rate for income over \$41,775 is 22%
- The top marginal tax rate for income over \$10,275 is 12%
- The top marginal tax rate for single filers making over \$539,900 remains 37%.



Top marginal tax rates, married filers filing jointly:

- The top marginal tax rate for incomes over \$431,900 is 35%
- The top marginal tax rate for income over \$340,100 is 32%
- The top marginal tax rate for income over \$178,150 is 24%
- The top marginal tax rate for income over \$83,550 is 22%
- The top marginal tax rate for income over \$20,550 is 12%
- The top marginal tax rate for married filers filing jointly making over \$647,850 remains 37%.



Other inflationary tax rate changes:

- The standard deduction for married couples filing jointly is \$25,900 (an \$800 increase)
- The standard deduction for single filers is \$12,950 (a \$400 increase)
- The maximum Earned Income Tax Credit amount is \$6,935 (a \$207 increase)

SOURCE: Michael Grothaus, Fast Company

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Del Greco Jr., Felix Mario



Felix Mario Del Greco Jr. passed away peacefully in his home on December 6, 2021 and the sun now shines less brightly. His absence leaves a daughter without a dinner companion, best friends without a bar-mate, a card game without a player, a dog without loving attention, a hat and scarf hanging, and a cigar without a hand to hold it.

Felix was a devoted husband and father whose family adored him. He gave his everything to ensure their happiness and success, only asking for love in return--and he was so very loved. Felix is predeceased by the loves of his life – wife, Claire R. Del Greco and son, Sgt. Felix M. Del Greco, Jr. with whom he is now reunited. Felix is also predeceased by his mother and father, Angela Del Greco and Felix Del Greco Sr.; and sister, Angela Parent.

He is survived by his daughter, Alexa Del Greco, who will miss him forever and his best little buddy and “grandpup”, Parker. Other surviving family include his brother, Joseph Del Greco, his sister, Anabela Beaupre, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Felix was an alumnus of Tulane University and thrilled us with stories of his many youthful adventures. He was a lifelong resident of Connecticut and was the President of Del Greco Agencies, Inc., proudly serving the community of Hartford for over 40 years. Felix also founded a memorial scholarship in honor of his son which has contributed, to date, over \$300,000 to help young adults in achieving their educational goals. Felix believed in making a positive impact on the world. He fulfilled that philosophy and was well respected by his clients and all those whose lives he touched.

Felix was a faithful friend and was blessed with many cherished friendships. The Del Greco family wishes to thank Ricky Blodgett, Chip Vignone, Eddie and Regina Leonard, Deborah Evans, Joanne Jolley, Maria Pereira, Filomena Bellizzi, Mario Rebelo, Dennis Chiu, Father Jorge, and the entire Cronin family (and so many others) for their devotion over the years to the guy that loved them selflessly. You’ve been an amazing support system and you’ve brought Felix so much comfort and joy.

Felix had a tremendous love for life, and he shared that joy freely. He was a caring soul that would give the shirt off his back for anyone in need. He celebrated each day as a blessing and often did so by buying a round for his buddies. In his last days, Felix’s advice to his daughter was, “Enjoy life. It’s too short”. In that spirit, let’s raise a glass to Felix. You are loved.

The Del Greco family invites you to join us in celebrating Felix’s amazing life. Funeral mass will be held Tuesday (December 14), 10:00 am at Our Lady of Fatima, 50 Kane Street, Hartford, CT 06106. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sgt. Felix M. Del Greco, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund: CTNGF, State Armory – Room 101, 360 Broad Street, Hartford, CT 06105. Online condolences may be made at [www. SheehanHilbornBreen.com](http://www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com)

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Diachenko , Margaret (Craig)



Margaret Craig Diachenko, "Marge", 91, of Simsbury, CT, wife of the late John W. Diachenko, died Saturday, November 27, 2021 at Birch Manor Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare in Sykesville, Maryland with her family by her side. She was born January 6, 1930 in Torrington, CT, daughter of the late Peter and Agnes (Gardner) Craig and had lived in Montgomery Township, NJ prior to moving to Simsbury, CT over 50 years ago. She worked for the State Capitol for the Commissioner of Public Health, the House Republicans Aide to Legislatures and Elections Administrator before retiring from the State of Connecticut and becoming the Registrar of Voters for the Town of Simsbury for many years. She was also a Justice of the Peace and a member of the Simsbury Aging and Disabilities Commission. Margaret was a member of the First Church of Christ in Simsbury, CT a member and Past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star Hesper Chapter #71 (Simsbury Chapter) and a Past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star Ephraim Kirby Chapter #75 (Torrington Chapter), she was a member of Civitan where she was a past President of the Simsbury chapter, past Governor of the New England District and past Regional Director on the National Board. She enjoyed politics having been a member of the Republican Town Committee, a Representative to the State Central Committee and a delegate to two National Conventions. She was a past President and member of the Connecticut Federation of Republican Women and member and past Secretary of the National Federation of Republican Women. She was named a 2020 Hometown Hero by the Town of Simsbury for her dedication to helping others. In her free time, Margaret loved playing bridge, supported the Simsbury Woman’s Club, was an active volunteer in many aspects at McLean and most of all loved to be busy with her friends. She lived a rich and full life. In fact, hers is one that inspires others to create a life well lived—with service to others above self. Those who knew her, who saw her understanding smile, heard her sharp wit, and experienced the cut glass air about her, might simply refer to the first line in the motto of Civitan: “as old as life, as young as the rainbow, as endless as time.” She is survived by her children, John (Jack) Walter Diachenko and his wife Elizabeth (Beth) of Eldersburg, MD, Sheila Meg Diachenko of Torrington, CT and Kenneth Peter Diachenko of Lewisville, NC; her grandchildren, Jacquelyn Diachenko of Eldersburg, MD, Jennifer Amodei and her husband Dom of Westminster, MD, Kenneth Diachenko, II of Highland, CA and Allison Diachenko of Lewisville, NC, a niece Carol Benedict Edwards and three nephews, Roy Benedict, James Benedict and Craig Benedict, her Godchild Carla Thornton and a Great Granddaughter Gianna Amodei. She was predeceased by an infant daughter, Janice Marie Diachenko and her sister, Isabel Benedict. A celebration of her life will be held at First Church of Christ in Simsbury, CT in the spring or early summer. In lieu of flowers Donations in her memory may be made to The Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 301, Simsbury, CT 06070 or to McLean Village, 75 Great Pond Road. Simsbury, CT 06070. Please visit Margaret’s “Book of Memories” at www.vincentfuneral-home.com for online tributes.

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Little Sr, Charles

Charles Randolph Little Sr., 76, of East Windsor, CT; affectionately known as “Chuck” or Billy, entered eternal rest on Monday, November 29, 2021, peacefully at his home. Charles was the fifth of ten children born to the late James Clyde and Rebecca (Bogan) Little Sr. in Norfolk Virginia, on June 3, 1945. Homegoing service is Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 11:00 am, with visitation from 10:00 - 11:00. The service will be held at All Faith Memorial Chapel – 90 John Fitch Blvd. South Windsor, CT. 06074

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Winch, Gary



Gary Winch, 70, of Colchester passed away peacefully at home in the early morning hours of November 19, 2021, following a six-week, fiercely fought battle with cancer. He fought the disease with the same dignity and strength that was ever-present in his life. Gary was the son of the late John and Alice (Newman) Winch of Glastonbury. He is survived by his wife Dorothy (Dadona) Winch and his son, Kevin. Gary was predeceased by his daughter, Julie, infant son, Casey, and sister Joyce Brockelbank. He leaves behind his siblings John Winch and Gail & Art Cinea of Florida; family members Bob and Linda Dadona, Richard and Marybeth Dadona, and Mark Coleman; dear friends Judy Mattson and Dave & Nancy Piella; along with many loving nieces and nephews. Gary grew up in Glastonbury, where he met his wife, Dorothy, and spent time welding trucks and cars in the Dadona’s yard with Dorothy’s brother, Bob. Gary soon became a regular at family dinners and he and Dorothy were married on May 8, 1982. After finding the perfect property in Colchester, they built their home and raised their children there. A 1969 graduate of Glastonbury High School and a welder by trade he worked at United Technologies Research Center for 24 years. Gary was known as “technician extraordinaire” by the highly specialized staff he worked with. His work focused on the development of high-performance heat exchangers for Carrier. He was a resource for other technicians because of his outstanding welding skills. His technical know-how led him to be awarded more than six U.S. patents Gary was an active member of Boy Scout Troop 109 in Colchester for many years. He was the “Popcorn Kernal” in charge of sales for the Troop and assisted with Eagle Scout projects and coordinating camping trips. He was also a founding member of and instrumental in the purchase and construction of C.A.S.T.L.E. - a highly regarded daycare center in Colchester. He served on the Board and volunteered many hours over the years. Gary was a kind, caring person and was known for greeting people with a strong handshake and a big smile. Whether it was about something mechanical or life, Gary enjoyed sharing his broad-based wisdom with others. He was always quick to lend a hand. When he was initially diagnosed, Gary made it a point to visit a group of work friends, imploring them to start spending their money and living life. The family is grateful for the family and friends who have supported them during this difficult time. At Gary’s request, no formal wake or funeral will be held. But you can bet a “A Celebration of Life” is being planned for a future date. His legacy will live on in everyone he knew and loved. Donations in Gary’s name may be made to: Goodwin University, ATTN: Goodwin Foundation, 1 Riverside Dr.,East Hartford, CT 06118 Please note, CT River Academy Advanced Manufacturing Program. The Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester has been entrusted with care of arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneral-home.com

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Hathaway, Rena



Rena Rebecca (Trench) Hathaway, 93, of Farmington, formerly of Ellington, beloved wife of the late Charles Allen Hathaway died peacefully on Wednesday November 24, 2021, at home. Born on January 18, 1928, in Hartford, CT, she daughter to the late James M. Trench Sr., and Catherine (Lundie) Trench. Rena grew up in Hartford. She worked for many years at Hartford Electric Light. Rena was a member of the West Avon Congregational Church. A kind, caring, and loving woman she will be dearly missed. She leaves her two nephews, James Trench III of Vernon, and David Trench of Ellington; her niece, Cathy Trench of Vernon; her stepdaughter, Sarah Hathaway of Poughkeepsie, NY; her step son-in-law, David Burdelski of Winchester, MA; her step daughter-in-law, Terri Hathaway of Dorset, VT, 6 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her sister, Janet Pinto, her brother, James Trench Jr., her stepson Jay James Hathaway, and her stepdaughter Ann Hathaway. A memorial service will be held on Friday, December 17, 2021, at 11 a.m., in the Ladd Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, 551 Talcottville Rd. (Rt. 83) Vernon. A private burial will take place in Ellington Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneral-home.com

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Occhialini, Mary Ida (Renee)



Mary Ida Renee Occhialini, 99, of Newington, passed away on Sunday, December 5, 2021. She was the beloved wife of the late Antonio Occhialini. Born in 1922, in New Britain, CT, she was the daughter of the late Anthony and Fermina (Fattorini) Renee. In 1941, Mary graduated from New Britain High School. She was employed at the electrical counter of W. T. Grant Company and then as an inspector at Fafnir Bearing Company. From there, she went on to the Aetna Life and Casualty Company, where she was trained to be a comptometer operator. Mary met her future husband, Tony, when she arranged for her friend to go on a blind date with him. However, Tony had his eye on Mary, and they were soon married. She became the lynchpin of the family by devoting herself to her husband and raising 5 children, enabling Tony and her brother, Albert, to build the Reno Machine Company together. Mary was well-known for her fabulous pasta sauce which was served for many years at 2:00 every Sunday afternoon. She also cooked for hundreds of small and large parties and charity fundraisers over the years. She was the quintessential matriarch who celebrated all of the strong, independent women in her family and had a soft spot for all of the men. As her children grew older, Mary began to pursue painting. Many of her lovely paintings adorn the walls of her family members’ homes. She also crocheted dozens of beautiful afghans. She enjoyed dancing, playing cards, reading, making puzzles and visiting the casino. Far from the typical Italian grandmother, Mary was a night owl who had a sarcastic wit, an amazing sense of humor, was sharp as a tack and didn’t miss a trick. She loved family gatherings and was always ready for a party or an adventure. She loved to travel and was looking forward to her next Girl’s Cruise with her daughters and daughters-in-law. Mary is survived by her children: Adorna Carroll, Mark Occhialini and his wife Cinzia, Renée Malinowski and her husband Thomas, Sonya Casarotto and her husband Jeffrey, David Occhialini and his wife Jeana, and her niece Maria Teresa “Terri” Conti and her wife Cynthia. She also leaves her grandchildren: Jenna Carroll Abare and her husband Norman, Adam Malinowski and his wife Jennifer, Eric Malinowski and his wife Mallory, Jordan Carroll Gangloff and her husband Scott, Antonio Occhialini and his wife Ashley, Sean Carroll and his wife Christina, Danielle Occhialini and her partner Gregory Diaz, Diva Malinowski Green and her husband Benjamin, Brianna Occhialini and her fiancé Mitchel Graziano, Alexander Casarotto, Athena Casarotto, Austin Occhialini, Michela Casarotto, Braden Occhialini, Cameron Casarotto and Daniel Casarotto. Mary was blessed to have 11 great-grandchildren: Zachary Abare, Natalie, Andrew, Luke and Vivienne Malinowski, Hazel Malinowski, Mark and Declan Occhialini, Emmett and Parker Gangloff, and Jameson Diaz. Mary also leaves her godchildren: Christina Rondina Sideranko, Aldo Zovich and Sandro Quercia. Additionally, Mary is survived by her sister-in-law Maureen Renee, several nieces and nephews, here and in Italy, and many treasured friends. In addition to her husband and her parents, Mary was predeceased by her beloved brother Albert Renee, her daughter-in-law, Pamela Cowles Occhialini and her son-in-law, John Carroll. There will be a Mass of Christian Burial for Mary at 11:30 AM at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Newington. The burial will be held privately at a later date. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Monday, December 13th, from 3:00 to 7:00 PM, at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Avenue, Newington. By the request of the family, masks are to be worn to calling hours and to the church. Memorial donations may be made to the Newington Department of Human Services, Newington Town Hall, 131 Cedar Street, Newington, CT 06111 or to the Newington Historical Society & Trust, Inc., 679 Willard Avenue, Newington, CT 06111. To share a memory with her family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.

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Porta, Susan B. (Paolillo)



Susan Porta passed away peacefully on December 2, 2021 at the age of 76 after a courageous battle with cancer. Actress, singer, and perpetual entertainer, Susan Porta’s love of life did not come to an end with her death. Her legacy and spirit of music and performance will live on in her family and friends at the Asylum Hill Congregational Church, the Hartford Choral, and the West Hartford Community Theater. She loved her home and neighborhood in West Hartford dearly where she was regularly spotted walking her beloved pups, Benny & Rose. Her friends and neighbors meant the world to her and were a wonderful source of support for her and her family, especially during her final days. Susan was predeceased by her loving husband Ron. She is survived by her three children: Susan Marino, Deborah Gruenloh, and Rick Merino; and her sisters Lola Hock and Amy Iannone. A private memorial service will be held for family.

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Anthony, Nora Brown

Nora Brown Anthony died in the early morning of Monday, January 25, 2021 at Hartford Hospital. A Requiem Mass will be held at the Church of Saint Timothy in West Hartford on December 18, 2021 at 10 AM. Due to the pandemic, there will be no reception following the Mass. In lieu of this, there will be an online gathering at a future date in 2022 and a burial next summer at Oakdale Cemetery in Wellfleet, MA. People wishing to honor Nora's memory are encouraged to make a donation to Smith College, 33 Elm St, Northampton, MA 01063 or Yale Divinity School, 409 Prospect St, New Haven, CT 06511. Please send any personal communications to Julian Anthony, c/o Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford, CT 06119. Full obituary and online stream link available at www.molloyfuneralhome.com.



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Caffrey, Jr., Edward T.



Edward T. Caffrey, Jr. (Uncle Bud), 89, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at home with his wife, Pat, by his side. Ed was born in 1932 to Edward T. and Emma (Flemke) Caffrey and raised in Cromwell, CT, attending local schools and graduating from Middletown High School in 1950. He studied at Teachers College in New Britain (CCSU)



prior to joining the Air Force during the Korean Home. On returning from the service, he worked with his father in home construction. His later career included communications at GE, and Electric Boat. Ed became a union labor agent for The CT State Employees Union (CSEA). When state employees won the right to collective bargaining, Ed was the union leader for contract negotiations for the Professional Health Care Employees Bargaining Unit in 1978 and where he met Pat, who was leading the state employee team. He later worked in labor relations with AFSCME Council 4. He had two great loves- fishing and gardening. As a fisherman he preferred lake fishing in Connecticut's lakes and also had a spot in Vergennes VT where he spent time with his buddies fishing Lake Champlain. There are many happy memories of taking the boys fishing on opening day and untangling lines he had worked so hard on the night before opening day, as well as wonderful fishing trips with good friends and buddies. But his fame came from his gardening prowess. Each year the garden got bigger, expanding to fit asparagus, up to 90 heirloom tomato plants (18 varieties) and the more traditional vegetables to feed the family and the neighborhood. He enjoyed saving the best seeds each year and starting the plants indoors. There were always plants for his garden and to give away to the many friends who couldn't wait to get his tomato plants each summer. And all friends and family enjoyed a plethora of delicious tomatoes throughout the summer. He earned the name "The Tomato Magician" from one of his avid followers. Ed enjoyed the camaraderie of his Senior Bowling Team and his Thursday night card group and held long and dear friendships with many of his teammates. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Patricia J. Checko; his sons David Caffrey and his wife Colleen of Stonington, CT, Sean Caffrey of Saybrook, CT and Thomas Caffrey of Delaware, as well as his cherished grandchildren, Angeliqe Caffrey and Jake Caffrey. He is also survived by his sister Jean Tatro of Cromwell, Ct., and his brother-in law Gene Checko of Southport, N.C. He also leaves his extended family and friends. He was predeceased by his parents and his sister Bessie. The family is grateful to HHC Home Hospice Services and Independence at Home, especially to Quincy. A Funeral Liturgy will be held Thursday December 16th at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Francis of Assisi Church, 3 Elm Street Middletown. Burial with military honors will be held in Calvary Cemetery. Friends may call on Wednesday from 5 to 7 pm. at Biega Funeral Home 3 Silver Street Middletown. Memorial contributions may be sent to a charity on one's choice. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com. Rest is yours

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Messenger, Kenneth W.



Kenneth W. (Reb) Messenger, of Enfield, beloved husband of Frances (Cummings) Messenger died Monday, Dec. 6, 2021 he was 85. Kenneth was born March 13, 1936 in Weston, WV, to Elmer and Bonnie (Richards) Messenger. He grew up in Jane Lew, WV, attended high school there and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force three days after graduation in 1954. He served in Texas, Japan, and Hawaii and was discharged from Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee, MA in 1964. Ken worked for Kelly Fradet Lumber and the CT DOT, retiring in 1995 as Crew Leader on I-91 in the Windsor Locks, East Windsor, and Enfield area which he referred to as "God's Little Acre." Prior to retiring, he bought a riding lawnmower to mow and maintain the Rt. 190 off-ramp area to Pearl Street, adding flowers for color and beauty. Neighbors and friends have stepped in to continue his work. In addition to his wife, Ken is survived by his sister Sue (Edward) Reusch of Columbus, OH. He also leaves numerous nieces and nephews and their families in OH, WV and elsewhere. He was predeceased by his parents, brother Joseph and sisters Wilma Young and Joann Serwatka. During 56 years of marriage, there was always at least one cat living in the Messenger household. Kenny loved his family, and he and Fran enjoyed many trips to Vegas. Prior to his illness he would think nothing of driving over 600 miles in one shot to visit family in OH and WV. If you knew Ken you know he was a diehard NY Giants fan. He also never missed a UConn Women's basketball game. This presented a challenge the day before his passing when the Giants and UConn were playing opposite each other, but he got through it with a lot of channel hopping. His hobby was wood-working, and in later years, word-search puzzles. The family would like to thank Dr. Younus Masih and Karen for their excellent care of Ken over the years. Also, our Pearl Street neighbors who have been so helpful during Ken's illness. He also appreciated the wonderful friendships and get-togethers with former DOT colleagues. Relatives and friends may gather on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021 from 10:00 to 11:00 am at Browne Memorial Chapels, Enfield. A funeral home service will then take place followed by interment with military honors in St. Patrick's King Street Cemetery, Enfield. Family has requested that mask be worn. Memorial donations may be made to St. Raymond of Penafort Parish, 64 Pearl St. Enfield; or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or the Shiners Hospital for Children 516 Carew St. Springfield, MA 01104 or charity of the donor's choice. To leave an online condolence message visit: www.brownememorialchapels.com.

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Dupre, Lucille Yvette

Lucille Yvette Dupre, 75, of Manchester, the beloved wife of 36 years to the late Edward J. Dupre passed away peacefully on Friday December 10, 2021 at her home surrounded by her family. Born in Woonsocket, RI she was the daughter of the late Joseph Crete and Orina Boudreau and had lived in Manchester for many years. Lucille had retired from Coca-Cola after 26 years of service there and finished her career working for 6 years at Pemco, South Windsor.

She is survived by her children David Boudreau of Manchester and Tricia Boudreau of Wethersfield; her stepchildren Michelle Kobs and her husband Doug of Vernon; Roger Dupre, Sr. of East Hartford; Jeannine Warnke and her husband Bob of Wisconsin; 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. She also leaves her sister Jeannette Stockwell of Gilmanton, NH; and her brother Robert Crete and his wife Michelle of Medway, MA.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, December 15th at 10:00 a.m. at Hillstown Road Veterans Cemetery, Manchester. The John F. Tierney Funeral Home, Manchester has care of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org. For online condolences please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

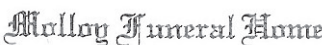


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Daly III, John F.



John F. Daly III, 79, of West Hartford passed away on a Feast Day in the Catholic Church, December 8, 2021. Born in Hartford to John Francis Daly, Jr. and Marion McCarthy Daly on September 6, 1942. He was raised in West Hartford and attended the St. Thomas Aquinas High School in New Britain, Providence College, where he took a bachelor's degree in history, the University of Saint Joseph, from which he was awarded a Master of Arts degree, and the Bridgeport School of Law (now the Quinnipiac School of Law), from which he received a Juris Doctor degree. He was a lifelong devoted Catholic and, until his infirmity, attended Mass regularly, serving often as a lector at the St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Driven by a commitment to social justice, John F. Daly, III was an esteemed attorney at law in Connecticut and staunch advocate for civil rights in his legal practice. He served as a Hearing Officer for the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, as an attorney at Community Legal Services, and as the principal of his own law firm. John served, too, as a member of the West Hartford Board of Tax Review. A lifelong Democrat, John served as President of the West Hartford Young Democrats and as a Vice President of the Connecticut Young Democrats. A long-term member of the West Harford Democratic Town Committee, John gave generously to help elect Democratic candidates at the local, state, and national levels. John was a cultured gentleman, unusually well read in literature, biography, and history, with a special interest in American and political history. He was a fervent defender of the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Connecticut, his knowledge of which was profound. A man who lived his faith, John was a wise, kind, compassionate, loyal, and loving friend to many. Throughout his life, and even in his final days, John exhibited the patience, grace, and humanity for which he was known. He will be very missed. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 11:00 AM at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave. West Hartford CT 06119 (handicapped parking and access available from back lot at Church). Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Donations in his memory may be made to support the good work of St. Thomas the Apostle Church <https://www.stawh.org/give> or to the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center <https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/ways-of-giving> Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com



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Lavigne, Richard C



Richard C. Lavigne, 70, of Pomfret left us unexpectedly, to be with many of his loved ones on Tuesday, December 7, 2021. Born August 11, 1951, he was the first child to Joseph & Phyllis Lavigne of South Windsor. He had a passion for loud and fast cars, studying automotive & graduating from Cheney Tech in 1969.

Rick had numerous jobs in autobody, including Lynch Motors in Manchester, and went on to become the founder of Coventry Collision Repair in 1987. Following his retirement from the automotive industry in 1996, he became a member of Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camp family, working there until his retirement in April of 2020. Rick was immeasurably proud of the Camp, and everything it stands for. He took a great, humble pride in being a part of it.

He was a simple, private man. He loved being anywhere near the ocean... whether it be fishing, boating or just spending time at the Marina on the water. Rick easily made friends everywhere he went, his girls couldn't go anywhere without someone inevitably asking "Are you Rick Lavigne's daughter?!" We were always very proud to say yes... he is our Dad.

He leaves behind many broken-hearted people, especially his daughters; Dawn Lavigne (and Thomas Posik) and her children Stephanie, Julianne & Casey Milnes, Jessica Lavigne and her children Elizabeth & Evan Bennett. He leaves his daughters' mother, Sandra Lavigne, his brother Joseph & wife Linda Lavigne and their children David & Joseph, and his devoted brother in law, John Allison. He leaves close friends Joe Gagne, Debbie Bulger, Robin Games, Mike Walenta, Kevin Magee, Karen Allen & Jimmy Canton, lifelong friends Bill Batsie & Jim Consolvo, countless friends & co-workers from his journey in life, and his beloved cat of 18 years, Booger.

Experiencing much loss in his life, he was predeceased by his first wife Deborah (Booth) and their infant child, his parents Phyllis & Joseph, and most recently his sister Shelley Allison.

The family will be arranging a memorial in honor of Rick in the springtime. In lieu of flowers, we would be grateful for donations to The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in his name.

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Berg, David H

David Hall Berg, (94) beloved father and grandfather, of West Hartford, Connecticut, formerly of Bloomfield CT, passed away peacefully on December 8, 2021. He was born in Newton, MA on January 6, 1927. He is predeceased by his wife June and his parents (Hugh and Leila Berg). He is survived by his three children Gregory Berg and his wife Nina Binin of New Mexico, Sara Berg Glad and her husband Steven of Windsor, and Jane Berg of New Hampshire, his four grandchildren Matthew and Jennifer Glad, Christopher Berg and Nora Berg and her fiance Michael Slomski, and several nieces and nephews. David graduated from Newton High School in 1945. He spent two years in the Navy and then graduated from Bentley College in 1951. He spent his professional career at The Hartford, retiring in 1985 after 35 years of service. He was a well-respected leader in the insurance industry with a career in what was then called Data Processing. He was generous in all ways and especially with his volunteer time devoted to many organizations, for which his interpersonal and leadership skills were a great asset. He was a founding member of the Connecticut Rose Society, from which he received a Lifetime Service Award, and was an American Rose Society Accredited Rose Judge. He served as President and Treasurer of the Connecticut Horticultural Society, President of the Hartford County Extension Service Council Board, Director at Duncaster, Interim Executive Director of Duncaster, and Trustee at Hartford Seminary. When he and June moved to The McAuley community, he became active in community life there, including serving as the President and Treasurer of the Residents Association. He was an avid rose grower and was well-known throughout New England for this. He spent many hours tending to his beautiful rose garden and won numerous awards at regional Rose Shows and was granted patents for two hybrid roses that he created. David was active for many years in spiritual life and fellowship of the First Congregational Church in Bloomfield. He served on and chaired several Boards and Committees including: the Diaconate, Church Council, and Pastoral Search Committee. David and June spent many beautiful summers at Conway Lake, New Hampshire, where he loved to fly fish and where they made wonderful memories for their children and grandchildren. During retirement, David and June loved to travel, including many trips to fish at Lakewood Camps, the place of their honeymoon. He lived a long and full life and will be deeply missed. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Donations may be made in his memory to The First Congregational Church in Bloomfield Memorial Garden.

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Krason, Donald A.



Donald A. Krason, 76, of East Granby formerly of Vernon, beloved husband of Shirley (Holtz) Krason passed away peacefully on Friday, December 10, 2021. He was born in Pittsburgh, PA on January 25, 1945, to the late Edward and Claudia Krason. He attended local school and graduated from Peabody High School class of 1963 then attended the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics. Following school Donald served his country in the Army during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged. On February 8, 1969, he married the love of his life Shirley "Shirl" Krason. Donald worked for Pratt and Whitney retiring after 38 years as an FAA Inspector where he was awarded FAA Inspector of the year. Donald enjoyed helping others, watching Jeopardy, and was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan. He was a loving, husband, father, and Pop. Donald is survived by his wife Shirl; loving children, Kathleen Krason-Reagan and her husband Mark and William Krason and his wife Holly; three cherished grandchildren, Conor Reagan, Morgan Krason, and Henry Krason; and two nephews, William E. Krason and Scott Krason. He was predeceased by his grandson, Joseph Reagan and his siblings, James Krason, and Claudia Mowery. A visitation will be held on Thursday, December 16, 2021, from 9 to 11a.m. at Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, 551 Talcottville Road, Vernon, CT. A Memorial Service will follow at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be private for the family in West Suffield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Donald's memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For online condolences please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Kraut, Charles R.



Charles R. Kraut, 85, of Newington, formerly of Plainville, was reunited with the love of his life, Diane (Dagata) Kraut, on Wednesday, December 8, 2021.

Charlie was born in Bridgeport on July 25, 1936 to the late Charles W. and Kathryn Kraut. He graduated from New Britain High School and went on to serve in the U.S. Navy. After

his honorable discharge, Charlie worked at the Fafnir Bearing company for many years. When Fafnir closed, Charlie worked for The Home Depot on the Berlin Turnpike until he retired. Charlie was an avid woodworker and loved to create keepsakes for family members that were one of a kind. Charlie was a lifelong fan of the New York Giants football and never missed a UConn basketball game.

Charlie was preceded in death by his wife for over 60 years, Diane, this past June; his brother, James Kraut, and his brother-in-law James Doyle.

Charlie is survived by his sons Charles Kraut Jr. of Berlin, Michael and his wife Carlyle Kraut of Pahrump, NV, Kevin and his wife Jeanne of Farmington, and his daughter Kathryn Kraut of Newington. He is also survived by his grandchildren of whom he was most proud: Jayme Kraut, Michael Kraut Jr., Katelyn Kraut, Sean Kraut, Kyle Kraut, and Olivia and Robert Ciaffaglione, along with his great grandson Cooper Kraut, his sister Nan Doyle of New Britain, and his sister-in-law Judy Kraut of Calabash, NC.

In lieu of flowers, Charlie may be remembered with contributions to Hartford Association for Retarded Citizens, 900 Asylum Ave, MS 1002, Hartford, CT 06105 or at www.harc-ct.org

A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of Charlie's life will be held on Friday, December 17, 2021 at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 183 Church St, Newington. Committal services and military honors will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Kraut family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit Charlie's tribute page at www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com

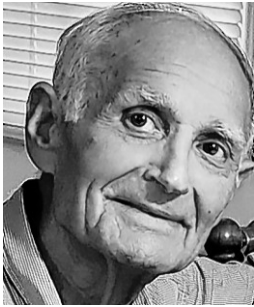


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Alessandra, Corrado



Corrado Alessandra, 84, of New Britain, passed away peacefully on December 8, 2021 in his home, surrounded by his family. Corrado was born in Floridia, Sicily and was a son of Sebastian and Grazia (Vasques) Alessandra. He was the devoted husband of Nilda (Paulina) Alessandra for 61 years. As founder of Connecticut Mason Contracting, Inc., Corrado worked as a talented mason and created some beautiful masonry and stone work including those for his own children. He loved to cook for his family and tend to his plentiful gardens. Corrado enjoyed singing his Italian songs and opera. He loved to travel, especially to his winter home in Argentina and cruises with family and friends. Corrado was a selfless, loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He leaves behind his children, Grace Kopycinski and her husband Jeffrey, Sebastian Alessandra, Patricia Alessandra, and her partner Butch Marzi, Sheila Parafati and her husband Anthony; his grandchildren, Erica and her husband Michael Debboli, Michael Kopycinski and his partner Sarah Sirois, Alyssa Buitrago and her husband Jeremy, Adrianna Marzi, Anthony "AJ" and Nicole Parafati; his great-grandchildren, Elyanna, Zoey and Emilia Buitrago and Alessandra Debboli. Corrado also leaves behind his brothers, Bartolomeo and his wife Yolanda, Giovanni and his wife Norberta, his sister Giusipinine Vasile, and several nieces and nephews. Corrado's funeral service will be held Wednesday, Dec. 15th, at 8:45 a.m. from Newington Memorial Funeral Home, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at Church of the Holy Spirit, Newington. Corrado will be laid to rest at West Meadow Cemetery in Newington at the family's convenience. Friends and family are invited to call Tuesday, from 4:00-7:00 pm at at Newington Memorial. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org. To share a memory with Corrado's family, please visit us at www.duksa.org.



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Stosak, Ronald J.



Ronald John Stosak, loving husband to wife Mary (Guerrini) Stosak, loving father to Eric Stosak, loving brother to Diane Garcia and loving uncle to Nicole Garcia, passed away at Hartford Hospital on December 8, 2021 with his wife and son by his side. Ron attended Tri State College earning a Chemical Engineering degree. He worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft manufacturing for several years. He later moved to the insurance industry. His last job before retiring was as a Loss Control Consultant where he valued his friendships with co-workers. Ron enjoyed bicycling, hiking, photography, travel and spending time with family and friends, Sunday dinners at his in-laws house and holiday celebrations. His summers were spent hosting barbecues at Ron and Mary's home on Amston Lake. September meant traveling to Colorado to visit Eric accompanied by Uncle Mike with whom Eric has a special bond. They hiked and enjoyed the beauty of numerous National Parks. Ron and Mary were extremely proud of Eric and his decision to follow his dreams of moving to Colorado. Ron was a man of simplicity. He knew the importance of family and the beauty of nature. He will live on in our hearts because of his intensely moral life and his warmth and humor. Rest in peace Ron and say "hi" to those we love and miss. True to his nature, Ron was a tissue donor to help women with breast cancer. Ron is also survived by a host of loving uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and friends. Ron was predeceased by his parents, Samuel and Evelyn (Lobdell) Stosak; his in-laws, Al and Angela Guerrini; sister-in-law, Maryann Guerrini; brother-in-law, Stanley Klein and two loving nephews, Christopher Garcia and Christopher Guerrini. A private celebration of Ron's life will be held at the convenience of the family. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

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Sergeant III, Frederick W.



Frederick W. Sergeant III, 79, of Scottsdale, AZ, was reunited with his wife Greta and our heavenly father on November 22, 2021. Frederick passed peacefully at home with loved ones and caregivers by his side. Fred was born January 6, 1942, to Hilda Hosking and Frederick W. Sergeant II, in Claremont, NH. Fred attended Greenfield High School and continued his studies at UMass Amherst before joining the United States Navy. Frederick was a Communications Officer who served during the Vietnam War time and was deployed aboard the U.S.S. Independence Aircraft Carrier during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Fred married his first wife, Barbara, in 1974 and together they raised their two children in Hartford, CT. Frederick was a member of the Knights of Columbus and enjoyed being involved in city politics. Fred returned to his faith and joined Asylum Hill Congregational Church where he not only married Margarethe "Greta" Hopkins in 1998, but where he was also a member of the choir and later became a minister. Fred was extremely passionate about sharing his love of cooking with anyone and everyone. His talents and skills in the kitchen shined throughout his career as both a chef and catering company owner. In 2017, Fred and Greta moved to Scottsdale, AZ to enjoy their retirement at the base of the camelback mountains. In addition to Greta, Fred is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Cheryl Wright. Frederick is survived by his sisters, Patricia Carme of Greenfield MA and Maureen Lewis of Erving MA, his son Christian Sergeant of Scottsdale AZ, daughter Colleen Miller of Bristol CT, step-son Philip Hopkins and his wife Betsy of West Hartford CT, step-daughter Virginia Hopkins and her husband Matthew Cullina of Providence RI. Also left behind are the true blessings of his life, his grandchildren, Connor Sergeant, Michael Miller, Zoe Sergeant, Elise Gallegos and her husband Connor, Abby Hopkins, Ciara Cullina, Alexis Cullina, and Emilia Cullina, as well as his many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will be held at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, Hartford, CT on Wednesday December 29, 2021 at 1:00 pm EST. A livestream option will also be available via www.ahcc.org

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Beard, Richard J.



Richard J. Beard, 79, longtime resident of Barkhamsted and Simsbury, loving and devoted husband to the late Stephanie Ann Beard for over 57 years, passed away at his home on December 5, 2021, with his devoted daughter—Dawn—by his side. Born in Hartford, Richard was the beloved son of the late Harold and Ethel (Dickinson) Beard. He was a true family man who dearly loved his wife and daughter with all his heart and would do anything to care for them whenever they needed him. Richard had a tremendous love and commitment to his community and served in various roles that brought him in touch with so many wonderful people. As a retired equipment operator for the Simsbury Public Works Highway Department, Richard also spent 20 years as a volunteer firefighter with the Simsbury Volunteer Fire Company. He had a great appreciation and respect for nature and the outdoors and was an active member of several organizations such as the Simsbury Fish & Game Club, the Simsbury Coon Club, and the Ring Mountain Hunt Club in East Hartland. Richard had a zest for life and a hearty sense of humor that made him into a one-of-a-kind personality that could make friends with anyone he met. At a moment's notice, friends and family could always count on Richard to be there to lend a helping hand. He was a loyal and faithful husband and father with the biggest heart imaginable, and he will always be remembered for the lifetime of memories he made with those he loved the most. Richard is survived by his cherished daughter, Dawn Beard; a sister, Janice Higley; and many nieces, nephews, in-laws, and special friends. In addition to his parents, Richard was predeceased by his adored wife—Stephanie Beard—on August 17, 2021. Friends may join Richard's family to celebrate his life at a graveside burial ceremony at 11AM on Saturday, December 18, 2021, at Simsbury Cemetery, 16 Plank Hill Rd., Simsbury, CT 06070. There are no calling hours. Donations in his honor may be made to the Simsbury Volunteer Fire Company, 871 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070. The Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home of Granby is entrusted with the arrangements. To share a condolence message with Richard's family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Broughton, William "Bill" D.



William "Bill" David Broughton, 97, of Glastonbury, CT, beloved husband of the late Virginia Broughton, passed peacefully, Thursday, December 2, 2021. Bill was born in Fairmont, WV, son of the late William and Armetie (Coleman) Broughton, and graduated from Dunbar High School. He enlisted in the Navy where he was the bugle master and directed the Drum and Bugle Corps at Camp Moffet, 49th Regiment. Bill began his career as a journeyman electrician with his father's electrical contracting company in Fairmont, although becoming an auto mechanic was his desired job. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for 75 years and a member of the local IBEW for over 60 years. In 2021, he received a certificate and letter of commendation from the national union for his membership and service. Bill was an accomplished bowler and bowled a perfect 300 and two 299 games. In 2016, at 92, he still bowled in two leagues in The National Bowling Association and was presented with a plaque to acknowledge him as the oldest active TNBA member. Bill also sang, played the bugle and harmonica, was often asked to sing at social functions, and was a gifted carpenter. Bill is survived by his sons, Ronald Broughton and Michael (Karen) Broughton; daughters, Ella Saunders, Priscilla (Randolph) Phifer, Shirley (Ricardo) Quintero, and Carol (Patrick) Poladian; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his wife, Virginia, Bill was predeceased by his sisters, Alice Talbott, Cordelia Mitchell, Barbara Jennings, Doris Pressley, and Eleanor Quarterman. His family will receive friends on Saturday, December 18, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., with a Celebration of Life at 12 p.m., at The Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Ave., Windsor, CT. His family asks that masks be worn. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the COPD Foundation, <https://www.copdfoundation.org/Take-Action/Donate/Donate-Now.aspx>. To attend the service remotely, or leave a condolence, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Hoffer, Sally B



Sally Hoffer, 85, passed away unexpectedly on December 3rd at her home in Windsor, CT. Born and raised in Cambridge MA, she was a graduate of Cambridge High & Latin School and Massachusetts College of Art. She and Stuart Hoffer married in 1960 in Boston, and celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary this past August. After moving to California, they returned to the east coast in 1966, settling in Windsor. Our beloved Sally was a voracious letter writer and reader of biographies and historical fiction, who loved crosswords, knitting, ladybugs and hummingbirds, and her "hidden" sweets. She couldn't handle more than a thimble of wine without breaking into giggles, and we all loved when she burst out laughing upon finally getting the joke. Most of all, family was the center of her life. She was such a light – loving, positive, compassionate, empathetic and supportive. There hasn't been a person who ever met or spoke with her that didn't come away feeling heard, understood, and comforted by her warmth, unassuming wisdom and insight. She set the bar. In addition to her husband Stu, Sally is survived by their three children, Andy (Leslie Richtartz) of Brooklyn, NY, Eric (Lauren) of Maplewood, NJ and more recently Kennebunkport, ME, and Julie of Brooklyn, NY; adored grandchildren Jennifer, Gregory, Sophie and Sam; her siblings Harvey and Marcia (her sisters Gloria and Roberta, and brother Jack predeceased her), and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either League of Women www.lwv.org or Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford www.lvgh.org, organizations that were important to Sally and to which she volunteered her time. A service to celebrate Sally's life will be held at a later date. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Bernier, Diane

Diane Gee Bernier, daughter of Harold M. Gee and Lucille (Regimbald) Gee and widow of Raynold Bernier died on Thursday December 9, 2021 at Brookdale at Buckingham, Glastonbury. Diane's family moved to the "country" in Manchester in May of 1950. She attended Manchester Green School, Bennett Jr. High School and Manchester High. She graduated with honors from MHS in 1964. Her secretarial studies allowed her to start working at the Manchester Town Hall while still in High School. She was a member of the first graduating class of Manchester Community College in 1966. After graduation she began working at The Hartford Insurance Company. She worked for several large insurance and financial concerns including The Futures Group. She later retired from Electrical Wholesalers, where she worked with her daughter, in 2010 after 5 years as a phone operator. Diane was introduced to her future husband Ray by a cousin who was Ray's best friend. They were married in 1966 and moved from a small apartment in Hartford to a house in Vernon. They then moved to Manchester where they lived until Ray's death. Diane was a voracious reader throughout her life. Her favorite place to be was on a beach, in the sun, with a good book. She and Ray purchased a small camper from which the family stayed at a Rhode Island beach on most summer weekends. She also loved to travel with Ray, visited Bermuda, Nashville, the Poconos, and many shorter trip destinations. Diane also vacationed in Hawaii with close girlfriend. Diane's love of cats was a constant part of her life, as well as tending to her gardens and bird feeders. Left behind to mourn her are her children Lynn Bernier (Partner Gary Bolduc), Kevin Bernier (wife Jessica) and grandchildren Aleina Bernier (fiancé Ian Parsons), Nathaniel Bernier (wife Nicole), Jocelyn Bernier, and Matthew Andreoli. She also leaves her sister Linda Holyfield (husband Russell, A nephew Travis Holyfield (wife Jennifer), and many cousins in the U.S. and Canada. In addition to her parents, Diane was predeceased by her husband of 53 years Ray, two brothers-in-law Richard and Wilton Bernier and a sister-in-law Janice. Family and friends may call at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 West Center St. Manchester on Wednesday, December 15th from 4-6 pm. A memorial service will be held at 6 pm at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Associations at www.alz.org. For online condolences please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.



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Meyer, Josephine M. (Tolisano)



Josephine M. (Tolisano) Meyer, 94, of West Simsbury, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday November 27, 2021. Born in Hartford on March 28, 1927, the daughter of the late, Ambrose F. and Martha M. (Koivinen) Tolisano. Josephine was raised in Crystal Lake and was a graduate of Rockville High School. Josephine's career included various stops along the way. She was a bookkeeper, she worked for the Simsbury School System and was a very dedicated nanny over the years. In her earlier years Josephine was a very talented roller-skater and gardener, she was also an avid Red Sox fan, knitter, lover of John Wayne Westerns, traveling, trips to Mohegan Sun Casino and listening to Frank Sinatra. Additionally, she loved animals especially her cat, Sheba. Most notably she was a loving mother and loyal to her friends. She is survived by her children; Kathleen A. D'Arche of Farmington, Robert J. D'Arche Jr. of Bristol, Philip J. D'Arche of Avon, her sister-in-law; Irene Tolisano of Ellington and her brother-in-law; Raymond D'Arche of Vermont and many beloved nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents; Ambrose and Martha Tolisano, her first husband Robert D'Arche Sr., her second husband; Martin Meyer, her siblings; James Tolisano, Philip Tolisano and Emily Hadden and her daughter-in-law Pamela D'Arche. A Liturgy of Christian Burial for Josephine will take place at a later date at the Church of St. Ann, 289 Arch Road, Avon, CT 06001. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations in Josephine's memory may be made to National Multiple Sclerosis Society, CT Chapter, 659 Tower Avenue, 1st Floor, Hartford, CT 06112 or the Lymphoma Research Foundation, Wall Street Plaza, 88 Pine Street, Suite 2400, New York, NY 10005. For condolences or directions please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Presutti, Gloria K. (Shea)



Gloria K. (Shea) Presutti, 87, of East Hartford, loving wife of 56 years of the late Germano "Jim" Presutti, passed away on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at the Marlborough Health and Rehabilitation Center. Born in Salem, MA on December 11, 1933, a daughter of the late Leo A. and Alice (Sirois) Shea, she had been a resident of East Hartford since 1960. Prior to her retirement, she was employed by the State of Connecticut for seventeen years. Gloria was a woman of strong faith and was a member, Minister, and Preacher of the Congregation of Jehovah Witnesses on Burnham Street, South Windsor. She was an avid bowler who participated in several leagues at the Silver Lane AMF Bowling in East Hartford. Gloria was also a lover of animals, but most of all a devoted and proud wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who cherished her time spent with her entire family. Gloria is survived by three sons, John Leo Presutti and his wife, Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti, of East Hartford, James Michael Presutti of East Hartford with whom she made her home, Kenneth Patrick Presutti and his wife, Janet Presutti, of Vernon; three special grandchildren, Nicole Sotomayor and her husband, Brandon, of Willington, David Presutti of Windsor, Brian Presutti and his wife, Lindi Bedore, of Vernon; one adored great-grandson, Tre Sotomayor of Willington; several nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Private funeral service and burial at Silver Lane Cemetery, East Hartford will be held at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Gloria's name may be made to the World Wide Work of Jehovah Witnesses, c/o 640 Burnham Street, South Windsor, CT 06074 or to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111. Gloria's family would like to thank Gloria's son, James "Jimmy" Presutti, Nancy Klingerman, Marybeth Walter from Companions and Homemakers, and the entire staff at Marlborough Health and Rehabilitation Center for the wonderful job they did as caregivers. The D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford has been entrusted with the care of the funeral arrangements. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopoech.com.



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Johnson, Geraldine R. (Cosseboom)



Geraldine Ruth (Cosseboom) Johnson, 82, of Windsor beloved wife of 50 years to James Johnson, passed away on Monday, December 6, 2021, at Duncaster. She was born in Presque Isle, ME on May 22, 1939 to Walter and Bertha Cosseboom. She was a graduate of Southington High School and worked as an administrative assistant for Tuttle and Bailey, Travelers, and The Hartford Courant. She retired after over 15 years as an administrative assistant at New Directions. Geraldine enjoyed knitting, reading, and her occasional glass of wine. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. Geraldine is survived by her husband, James, two children, Carol Johnson of Norwich and James Johnson, Jr., of Windsor; three grandchildren, Todd, Randy, and Melissa Desmarais; two great-grandchildren, Jordan and William Beard of Gainesville, FL; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter, Kimberly Desmarais and two sisters, Alma Smith and Evelyn Cianci. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Carmon Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Geraldine's memory to the Make a Wish Foundation. For online expressions of sympathy please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Tosto, Beverly M.



Throughout her life, Beverly Tosto brought strength and grace to those around her. She told great stories. Her wry humor and sharp wit couldn't help but make you laugh. She grew up Beverly Bird in Hartford's North End in the 30s and 40s. She attended St. Patrick's Elementary School, Holy Trinity Middle School and graduated from Hartford Public High School. Keney Park was her playground. She rode bikes and played games with friends, some of whom she stayed close with into her 80s. A natural athlete, she played basketball and captained her Catholic school team at a time when most girls didn't play basketball. She learned toughness at an early age. The youngest of three kids, she was called on to do some of the hardest work. When the clothesline snapped off her grandmother's (Nanny) third-floor walk-up, Nanny told Bev to climb the spiked pole and retie it, which she did without question. At a young age, Bev began working in the tobacco barns in an effort to contribute financially to the household. She was no stranger to hard work and always did whatever was necessary to help her family and others in need. She also often found herself sticking up for her sister, Phyllis, when her brother Richard wasn't around. Bev could also be a rascal. She managed to get Nanny to buy her a bike after pouting on the front step that the other kids had bikes and she didn't. She once "borrowed" Richard's Nash Rambler and drove it to Florida shortly after getting her driver's license. In her later years, after being diagnosed with diabetes, she would always sneak an extra dessert or two when no one was looking. Bev worked for years as an insurance agency office manager. She'd wanted to go to college but her family would only pay for secretarial school. She once thought she'd make a good newspaper reporter. She was probably right. She had a keen sense for people and storytelling, and she insisted you get to the point in any story you told. Marriage and motherhood brought new joys, responsibilities and occasional struggles. In between family gatherings, celebrations and kid baseball games, she helped care for her mother, Mary, and grandmother, Philomena. At one point, Bev quit smoking as a way to get her mother to stop. Mary went back to it. Bev didn't. Family always came first for Bev. She put everyone above herself. Her strength helped the family get through difficult times when Phyllis struggled at a young age with breast cancer. Bev became a mother to her nieces Donna and Susan, working to make holidays, and every day, as happy as possible after Phyllis died. Her brother Richard died too young, too. Later in life Bev suffered two bouts of cancer, diabetes and five -- yes, five -- strokes. She was a strong, independent woman who never complained about anything. How tough was she? She drove herself to the hospital during the first stroke. Happiness, toughness, resilience. That was Beverly. In her younger days, she loved playing cards with her uncles and cousins on nights when they'd meet at her grandmother's house on Woodland Street and in later years at Richard's house in Newington, dealing cards around the dinner table; loved a good danish with her morning coffee; loved playing wiffle ball with her grandsons, Ethan and Jake, and treating them to breakfast out when they were young and she was able. Bev also loved the beach and would jump at any opportunity to spend the day by the ocean. She treasured her summers with the family at the cottage in Niantic, CT. Bev loved music and her taste was very eclectic - she enjoyed Sinatra, Tony Bennett and Reba McEntire, just to name a few, although Singin' In the Rain was both her favorite movie and song of all time. She loved Christmas movies and music, with O Holy Night and Deck The Halls being her favorites. Christmas was her favorite holiday, although she had a vexing habit of taking scissors and cutting herself out of family photos. She was a huge Red Sox fan and never missed watching the games on television but, truth be told, her confidence in their ability to make the playoffs tended to waiver each year, even after they won the World Series. In later years, Bev lived in comfort and dignity thanks to Donna, Susan, her husband Mark and Urszula, Bev's caregiver and friend. They did God's work with grace, patience and humor. Bev's faith always gave her strength as well. She attended mass every Sunday with Donna, until she was no longer able. Even as memory faded, Bev could still recall amazing details of life growing up on Center Street and Woodland Street, living in Newington and Rocky Hill, her summers at the shore and stories of Phyllis and Richard. She missed them both dearly. No doubt they are all reunited now. Beverly died Tuesday, Nov. 23. She was 89 years old, preceded in death by her mother (Mary Bird), brother (Richard Bird), sister (Phyllis Bird Gesualdi), and her ex-husband, Paul Tosto. She leaves behind a son (Paul Tosto), daughter-in-law (Marta Cleaveland); grandsons (Ethan and Jake Tosto), nieces Donna Gesualdi, Linda Gesualdi, Susan Gesualdi and her husband Mark Sinnott. She also leaves behind many relatives from the Tosto family and Paternostro family. Bev's family will receive friends and family on Saturday December 18, 2021 from 9:00AM to 10:30AM at Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Road, Avon, CT 06001. A Liturgy of Christian Burial will follow at 11AM at St. Catherine of Sienna Church, 265 Stratton Brook Rd, West Simsbury, CT 06092. There will be a private burial at Mount St. Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bev's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorial Giving, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. For condolences or directions please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Bailey, Edward Powell



Edward Powell Bailey, 66, of Rockfall, First Selectman of the Town of Middlefield, died suddenly on December 8, 2021 after a long health issue. He had been a resident of Rockfall/Middlefield since 1985. Born in 1955 in Manhattan, New York, Ed was the son of the late Edward and Beatrice (Higgins) Bailey. He graduated Xavier High School in Manhattan and went on to receive a degree in Marine Engineering from SUNY Maritime College, Bronx, NY with a commission in the Naval Reserves. He worked many years worldwide as a chief marine engineer on several ships, including the Marine Reliance. Ed served on various boards and commissions. He was a selectman for the Town of Middlefield since 2009 and has served as First Selectman since 2015. Ed enjoyed sailing and the outdoors. His nieces and nephews always enjoyed it when he returned from overseas trips to hear of his worldly travels. At family gatherings, he would light up the room with his zest for life and worldly knowledge. Ed is survived by his sister, Pamela Bailey Maher and her husband John; brother, William Bailey and his wife Dorothy; four nieces and nephews; and his dear friends, Reverend Francis Gilbert and Patrick Gilbert. Family and friends may call on Tuesday evening, December 14th from 5:00 to 7:00pm at the Doolittle Funeral Home, 14 Old Church Street, Middletown where masks are required. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, December 15th at 10:00 am at Saint Colman Church, 145 Hubbard Street, Middlefield. Burial will follow in Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne, NY. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ed's memory may be made to Middlefield Historical Society, 405 Main Street, Middlefield, CT 06455. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

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Capellaro, Donald William

Donald William Capellaro of Westbrook died peacefully on December 8, 2021 at the age of 89. Don was born in Danbury, CT son of the late Orono & Gertrude(Muehlfeld) Capellaro. He attended Bethel public schools and graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and received his Masters Degree in Science at UCONN. Donald married Carolyn (Cally) M. Glass in 1966 and together they built their dream home in Westbrook. They enjoyed traveling and were avid fans of UCONN football and UCONN Women's Basketball .Donald worked for the State of CT as a Sanitarian for over 35 years until his retirement. In his retirement he provided consulting services for the Borough of Fenwick in Old Saybrook. He was a long time parishioner of St. Mark's Church in Westbrook and a long standing member of the Elks Lodge # 1784 in Westbrook, he enjoyed tinkering in his yard, driving his tractor and being outdoors. Don will be fondly remembered for his quiet style and unique sense of humor. He is predeceased by his beloved wife Cally and niece Patty Glass. He is survived by his nephews Robert A. Glass III, C. Thomas Glass and his wife Deborah, and niece Bonnie J. Allen. Great nephews and nieces Andrew, Bill, Laura, Maggie Chelsea, Cally as well as great great nephews Collin and Charlie. Funeral service will be held at the Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home, 34 Main St. Centerbrook on Saturday December 18th at 11am. Interment will be private at Resurrection Cemetery. Donations in Don's memory may be made to the Pat & Jim Calhoun Cardiology Center, 300 UCONN Health Blvd, Farmington, CT 06030-2202.To share a memory of Don please visit www.rwwfh.com

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Moore, David Shirey



David "Shirey" Moore, "Papa" passed away peacefully with his family at his side on December 6, 2021. Born March 16, 1929 the son of the late David L. and Dorothy Shirey Moore. He grew up in Glastonbury and graduated from GHS in 1947 and joined the US Navy. He met the love of his life, June (Bergstrom) on the CT shore in 1944. Before being stationed in Morocco in 1951 he married June. Shortly thereafter, June joined him in Rabat, Morocco. They returned to Glastonbury in Feb, 1953 with their newborn daughter, Laura. Settling in the East Glastonbury area they welcomed three more children Mike, Susan and Jane. David joined SNETCO where he remained until his 1985 retirement. After retirement, Dave and June traveled extensively throughout the USA. They settled in Venice, FL for their winter home. This allowed Dave, who was very active in softball, to continue playing until the age of 85. He was on the winning Senior National Champion World Series team for three consecutive years. David had a passion for the White Mountains that was contagious and eventually he had an entourage of hikers which grew from family to friends. He continued to hike until his late 80's exploring and preserving the White Mts. He completed the Appalachian Trail from Maine to Georgia. He completed the VT Long Trail and New England 4,000 footers. He was a life member of the AMC. He maintained trails throughout CT and NH. He blazed trails behind his home known as the "Papalachian Trails". A devoted fan of Lottie's Country Kitchen he was humbled when they bestowed him a booth known as "Moore's Corner". He loved to collect postcards and paraphernalia from the White Mts and Glastonbury. Dave was a people person, loved to socialize and would talk to anyone. He followed the mantra meet a stranger, leave with a friend. He held the Glastonbury Fire Dept close to his heart joining as a young man and GFD remained a special place to him for life. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 70 years, June and four children: Laura Gutt (Daniel) of Marlborough; Michael Moore (Karen) of San Diego, CA; Susan Fuchs (Frank) of Windsor and Jane DiMaggio (Mike) of Canterbury, NH. Eight devoted grandchildren: Matt and Andrew Gutt; Jennifer, Shirey, Dave and Mike Moore; Abi and Zac Brown along with two great grandchildren, Torrey and Ryder. Dave also leaves precious nieces, nephews and numerous friends. He was predeceased by his sister, Mitzi Moore Spencer. The family would like to express their deepest appreciation to Masonicare Hospice, Meghan, Sue and Donna along with his loving caregivers, Mariya and Maria for their extraordinary care and compassion. The family is planning a "Celebration of Life" in the Spring, 2022 with details forthcoming. Memorial donations may be made to: Glastonbury Fire Dept Co. 4 c/o Mike Kravontka 21 Hope Lane Glastonbury, CT 06033 or Appalachian Trail Conservancy: donate. appalachiantrail.org

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Hohengarten, Carl Robert

Carl Robert Hohengarten, 62, of Vernon, CT died Saturday, December 4, 2021 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was born May 27, 1959 in Boston, MA, son of the late Carl S. Hohengarten, Jr. and Gail Ione (Grone) Hohengarten, originally of St. Louis, MO. He lived in Lebanon, CT and the Dominican Republic prior to moving to Vernon, CT 10 years ago. In his youth, Carl was an athlete and a scholar. He graduated from Avon Old Farms, class of 1976, and was inducted into the AOF Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006 as part of the undefeated CISSAC Championship Varsity Swimming and Diving Team of 1975-1976. Carl was a talented diver, winning championships and honors as an All-America Interscholastic honor roll athlete in 1-metre and 3-metre diving events in 1972, 1975, and 1976. Carl graduated from Denison University, class of 1983, receiving a BA in History. He secured first place in the Swimming and Diving Championship 3-metre dive event in school year 1977-1978. Carl worked in IT consulting for many years and also earned certificates from the Computer Processing Institute for Business Computer Programming in 1984 and from Villanova University for IS/IT Project Management in 2007. Carl loved literature and history, especially military history, and was a collector of books, maps, and weapons memorabilia. He loved archery, writing, drawing, music, cooking, and rolling his own cigarettes. He was working on a novel at the time of his passing. Carl was predeceased by his parents, Carl and Gail Hohengarten of Simsbury, CT, his brother, Michael Hohengarten of Tampa, FL, and his brother-in-law Wayne Bursey of Bloomfield, CT. He is survived by his sisters, Mary Bursey of Bloomfield, CT, Molly Carpenter and her husband Dan Carpenter of Simsbury, CT, and Kelly Hohengarten Segee and her husband, Bob Segee of Bloomfield, CT; his sister-in-law Lynn Hohengarten, of Tampa FL; his nieces, Caroline Carpenter Meckel and her husband, Steven Meckel of Simsbury, CT, and Lindsey Hohengarten, of Tampa FL; and his nephew, Benjamin Segee, of Bloomfield, CT. Carl's family wishes to thank John and Sheila Davis of Vernon, CT and Cathy Flippen for their loving friendship and companionship over the years. Services will be private. The Vincent Funeral Home of Simsbury is caring for the arrangements. Please visit Carl's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Levine, Mark Norman



Mark Norman Levine, 81, a long time West Hartford resident, passed away peacefully on December 3, 2021, surrounded by his family. Born in Hartford, Mark attended William H. Hall High School and Boston University. He met the love of his life, Shirley, at a high school dance, and they were married for 58 wonderful years. Mark had a long career as a stock broker. He then became president of Jacob Fox & Son in Hartford, a metal and newspaper recycling business, founded by his wife's grandfather in the early years of recycling in this country. He later was a co-founder of Atlas Fox Recycling, a tire recycling business, in the 1980s. Mark was an avid golfer and enjoyed weekend golf games with his buddies and with his children. He was a diehard fan of UCONN basketball (men's and women's), the New York Giants and the Boston Red Sox, even traveling to March Madness and American League pennant games when his teams were in the hunt. Mark relished coaching his son's hockey team back in the day, and he was a loyal Hartford Whalers season ticketholder, who never got over their leaving Connecticut. His appreciation of music, including playing the drums, was passed down to his children and grandchildren. His favorite meal was a good steak, a coca cola, and chocolate cake with chocolate ice cream. He lived his life with an optimistic, glass half full attitude, loved a good laugh and was very proud of his children's and grandchildren's accomplishments. Mark is survived by his devoted wife Shirley Fox Levine, his children, Andrea Levine, Eric and daughter-in-law Wendy Levine, and his grandchildren, Alexis and Tyler Levine. His family is very grateful to Dr. Mark Dailey and his entire team at Hartford Healthcare, whose kindness and compassion knows no bounds. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Beauty Bus Foundation, 21781 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 586, Woodland Hills, CA 91364 (www.beautybus.org) or Susan G. Komen, Attn: MA 300, 13770 Noel Road, Suite 801889, Dallas, TX 75380 (www.komenct.org). Private services, entrusted to Weinstein's Mortuary, were held on December 5, 2021.

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Welch-Wegner, Judith



Welch-Wegner
Judith Welch Wegner, 71, died on December 3, 2021, after a short illness. She is survived by Warren, her husband of nearly 50 years. Judith was the daughter of the late John R. Welch and Ruth (Thulen) Welch of Windsor, CT. She is survived by a brother Joseph (Carol) Welch, a sister, Margaret (Warren) Zaccaro, a sister in law, Anne Welch, several nieces and nephews and numerous friends. She is predeceased by her brother, Thomas Welch. Wegner first came to Nantucket through her great aunt, Helen Kirk, who moved to the island in the early 1940's and lived in Quidnet until her death in 1983. Judith and Warren retired to Quidnet in 2017, following her years of service as a faculty member at the UNC School of Law in Chapel Hill, N.C. Wegner grew up in Windsor, CT where she attended public schools before receiving her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin (Madison) in 1972 and her J.D. from UCLA in 1976. She worked under President Carter for the United States Department of Justice and the United States Secretary of Education. Wegner joined the UNC law faculty in 1981 and served there until her retirement in 2016. She served as dean from 1989-99, and also served in leadership roles on the UNC Chapel Hill campus and with the UNC System. She was President of the Association of American Law Schools (1995) and a contributor to a major study of legal education (Educating Lawyers, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, 2007). Her special focus was on state and local government law, and she was author of a major casebook in that field. After moving to Nantucket, Wegner ran for and was elected to the Nantucket Planning Board, where she served for several years as chair. Those interested in donating in her honor may do so to the Nantucket Land Council. Interment will be private.

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Lepkowicz, Evelyn (Stafford)

Evelyn Stafford Lepkowicz, 96, of Granby, beloved wife of the late Theodore B. Lepkowicz, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 2, 2021, in Granby. Born in Simsbury on August 27, 1925, daughter of the late Theodore and Maude (McCollum) Stafford, she was raised in Simsbury and had lived in Granby for over 75 years. Evelyn worked as an underwriter at The Aetna Insurance Company in Hartford for 30 years until her retirement in 1990. She was a longtime active member of South Congregational Church in Granby. She leaves a son-in-law, Edward Condon of Quechee, VT; four grandsons, Jeffrey B. Lepkowicz and his wife Julianne of Center Ossipee, NH, Michael T. Lepkowicz and his wife Lona of Kettle Falls, WA, David Condon of North Providence, RI, and Timothy Condon and his wife Jodi of Hopkinton, NH; seven great-grandchildren, Natalie, Cassidy, Abby, and Avery Condon, and Jeremy, Sean, and Kayla Moore; two great-great-grandchildren, Koda and Ryleigh Moore; and many nieces and nephews. Besides her husband, she was predeceased by a son, Theodore J. Lepkowicz; a daughter, Linda L. Condon; four brothers, David, Theodore, Arthur, and John Stafford; and three sisters, Marion Winter, Betty Saunders, and Dorothy Barrett. Burial will be private in Granby Cemetery. Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home in Granby has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit, www.carmonfuneral-home.com.



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Langella, Kathryn A.



Kathryn Ann Langella (D’Orio) of Colchester, CT passed away on December 6th, 2021 with her family by her side after a long battle with cancer. She was 68. Kathryn is survived by her loving husband, Emanuele and her twins Erika and Manny. Besides her family, Kathryn is survived by her brothers and sister, Jay, Phil, and Rhonda and lifelong friends. She was preceded in passing by her parents, John and Jean D’Orio.

Kathryn was born April 13th in Middletown, CT and was a graduate of Mercy High School. She devoted her life to her children, leaving her job as a timekeeper at Pratt & Whitney when her twins were born as a housekeeper.

She loved animals, nature, the beach, music and was an avid bird enthusiast. A free-spirit, you could often find her with her four-legged friends exploring a new trail or park. She had a contagious smile and laugh.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich, CT on Friday, December 17th at 10AM with burial to follow in St. Joseph Cemetery in Norwich, CT.

The family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to their favorite charity in Kathryn’s name. Please visit www.labenskifuneralhome.com to leave an online tribute or condolence.

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Schiffres, Howard A.



Howard A. Schiffres, 78, of Bristol, beloved husband of Donna (Rowe) Schiffres, passed away on Monday (December 6, 2021) with his wife and grandson Rich by his side.

Howard was born on April 12, 1943 in Southington, CT, son of the late Jack and Beatrice (Raskin) Schiffres. He was employed as a car salesman at Richard Chevrolet in Cheshire until his retirement.

Howard loved and cherished his time spent with his grandchildren and family. He was an avid sports fan and for many years was involved in coaching for the Rago Coco Little League and the Jaycee Courant Baseball League.

In addition to his wife Donna, Howard leaves behind his son Richard Schiffres and his wife Linda; two grandsons Bryon Schiffres and Richard Schiffres, Jr. and his girlfriend Amy; his brother Robert Schiffres and his sister Andrea Rosenfield; as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends. Howard was predeceased by his beloved daughter, Debra Schiffres.

Services will be held at a later date to be announced by the family. Burial will be private in Peacedale Cemetery. Funk Funeral Home, Bristol, has the honor of serving Howard’s family. To visit Howard’s memorial website please visit www.FunkFuneralHome.com



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Scudder, Sheryl

Sheryl (Colagiovanni) Scudder, of Rocky Hill, CT, passed away on Monday, December 6, 2021. She was born in Hartford, CT. She was a graduate of Newington High School and St. Joseph’s College in West Hartford with a BS degree in Biology. She continued her education earning a Master’s degree from Central Connecticut State University. Sherri, as she was called by her family and friends, worked in several private and state laboratories for many years. After her career in scientific research, she worked in the Registrar’s office at Manchester Community College for 14 years. She is survived by her parents, Elaine and Mario Colagiovanni of Falmouth, MA, her sister Lisa Colagiovanni and her wife Kristine Millet, and her nephew and niece, Koen and Tessa Colagiovanni. She also leaves behind her life partner, James Scudder, many aunts, uncles, cousins, and her beloved cats, Noodle and Pepper. Family and friends are invited to call on Friday (December 17, 2021) from 1PM to 2 PM at the Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St, Rocky Hill. A funeral service will follow at 2 PM in the parlor. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to the critical care staff at the Hospital of Central Connecticut for their care and kindness. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russel Road, Newington, CT 06111-1593. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories, or photo tributes at www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com.

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Coke, Shirley Patrick



Shirley Patrick Coke, 74, of Bloomfield passed away on Saturday, December 4, 2021. He is survived by his beloved wife Olive (Collins); children Jennifer Mighty of Windsor and Britney Coke-McGregor of Hartford; grandson Kristian Xyminis of Windsor; aunt Enid Gooden of Windsor; three brothers, three sisters, numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members and friends. He was predeceased by parents Allan Coke and Violet (Dobbs), brother Glen Coke and sister Valrie Coke-Warburton. Calling hours will be Friday, December 17, 2021, at 11:00 AM at Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Services, 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002, followed by a funeral service at 12:00 PM. Arrangements are entrusted to Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Services, 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002. For online condolences please visit, <https://www.hkhfuneralservices.com/obituaries> Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Services, 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002



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Ecker, Phyllis

Phyllis (Blomberg) Ecker, 100, of Cromwell, widow of Warren H. Ecker, passed away on Tuesday (December 7, 2021) in Covenant Village at Pilgrim Manor. She was born in Middletown, CT, on November 8 1921, a daughter of the late William and Agnes (Anderson) Blomberg. She was a graduate of Middletown High School class of 1939. Phyllis retired as a Branch Manager from Farmers & Mechanics Savings Bank in July 1979 after 30 years of serving the Cromwell community. She was a longtime member of the First Congregational Church in Cromwell. Phyllis was predeceased by her sister, Muriel Gustafson. She is survived by her niece, Barbara Dickerson and her husband Joe; two nephews, Robert Gustafson and his wife Cheri and William Gustafson; and a grandniece, Cheryl Hester.

A graveside service will be held on Monday (December 13, 2021) at 11 AM in the Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories, or photo tributes at www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com.

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Woodwell, Gloria M. (Stolt)



Gloria Marie “Lolo” (Stolt) Woodwell, 79, of Collinsville, wife of the late Joseph Woodwell, died Sunday, December 5, 2021 at John Dempsey Hospital. She was born November 24, 1942 in Hartford, daughter of the Arvid Roland and Emily Marie (Kucia) Stolt and had had be a life long resident of Collinsville. Mrs. Woodwell was an Account Executive for Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company for many years prior to her retirement. Gloria was an avid painter and member of the Avon Art Association. Lolo also loved spending time with her friends and family.

She is survived by her son, Scott Walker and wife Juliann of Naalehu, HI and her grandsons, Connor Michael Walker and Austin Stolt Walker. A celebration of her life will be held at the Vincent Funeral Home, 120 Albany Turnpike in Canton at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 18th. Calling hours will be held prior to the service, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Donations in her memory may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. Please visit Lolo’s Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols
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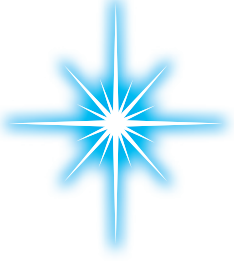
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Anti-abortion and abortion rights advocates demonstrate in front of the U.S. Supreme Court on Dec. 1 as the court heard arguments in a case from Mississippi, where a 2018 law would ban abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, well before viability. **JOSE LUIS MAGAN/AP**

Adoption is not a simple solution, Justice Barrett

It’s the opposite — and takes hard work, patience and financial resources

By Martin Woods

When the Supreme Court heard arguments over a Mississippi law banning abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy this month, Justice Amy Coney Barrett wondered whether adoption, instead of abortion, could overcome the “burdens of parenting.” Justice Barrett, a mother of seven, including two adopted children, must believe that adoption is a panacea and there are an unlimited number of capable people willing to adopt an unlimited number of children.

Adoption is not a simple solution. It takes hard work, endless patience and financial resources. It is the opposite of a simple solution. Tens of thousands of children go unadopted every year in the United States with only about 2% of American households adopting children. And these numbers haven’t changed significantly in many years. Where are all these other adoptive parents going to come from? I’ve got two adopted children and three biological kids. We adopted a 6-month-old Hispanic baby and a 3½ year-old Caucasian toddler out of foster care. It is the most rewarding and fulfilling thing my wife and I have ever done, and the biggest challenge of our lives and it continues to this day. They are both terrific, well-adjusted, young adults, who both turn 21 soon. All foster and adopted children come with issues, and navigating those issues is a challenge-

ing, emotionally wrenching and often costly endeavor. We are fortunate to have had the resources of not just money but of time to raise our kids properly. With both parents working full-time jobs, as is the case in most of this country today, how are they to address the issues that are sure to arise? Constant vigilance is required. Before adopting our two boys, we took in foster children, one, a 3-month-old with a spiral fracture of his femur, courtesy of his mother’s boyfriend. Caring for a child in a full body cast requires time most simply don’t have. I don’t know where he is today, but adoption is a possibility. The support, attention and love he needed was massive. There just aren’t enough of us willing to take that challenge on. Parenthood, in the very best of situations is extremely difficult. Add in the medical unknowns, ethnic differences, feelings of abandonment and self-worth, siblings also in adop-

tive care, among a whole host of issues and it can be a monumental struggle. For one of my children, it is an open adoption. That means he sees his biological mother four times a year as long as we, the adoptive parents, think it is in the child’s best interest. As custodians of the child, we would arrange and monitor the quarterly meetings. While initially being beneficial, these meetings stirred up feelings that all of us were ill equipped to navigate. We’ve been very open about the adoptions and what brought them about and we’ve shared it with them to the extent we had the information ourselves. Justice Barrett also seems to believe that adoption alleviates the burden of motherhood on the biological mother. I believe she is wrong as I know firsthand it doesn’t alleviate the burden of having been adopted on a child. Adoption is a lifelong commitment just as biological parenting is. My wife and I are big advocates for adoption. It has enhanced the quality of our lives and our family immeasurably. We couldn’t imagine our lives without them. But it is a daunting challenge that very few are willing or have the resources to take on. Adoption is not the simple straight forward solution to abortion as Justice Barrett postulates. It is as complex and challenging as it is rewarding, but there is nothing simple about it.

Martin Woods lives in West Hartford.

Hiring scandal raises questions, but will public get answers?

Gov. Ned Lamont is sure in a fix. A scandal in his administration requires him to ask questions, but he may not want too many answers. In October, this column reported that the state’s top prosecutor, Richard Colangelo, had hired Anastasia Diamantis, the daughter of Lamont’s deputy budget director, Kostantinos Diamantis. Ms. Diamantis possessed no obvious qualifications for the \$99,000 (now \$104,000) executive assistant position in the Division of Criminal Justice. The column appears to have prompted an inquiry by the governor’s office. Kostantinos Diamantis was suspended in late October and announced he was



Kevin Rennie

retiring. The governor’s inattention to how state government works has complicated the situation. Lamont ignored the objections of at least one top aide to budget director Melissa McCaw hiring her close friend Diamantis as her deputy in 2019. The Greenwich Democrat compounded his error when he allowed Diamantis to continue to oversee the state’s multibillion dollar school construction grant program,

consolidating a dangerous amount of power in one official. The initial investigation may have caused Lamont’s office to discover that Ms. Diamantis has been moonlighting for several years at Construction Advocacy Professionals, originally of Bristol — just like the Diamantis family. That company, owned by Antoniette DiBenedetto Roy, provides construction management services for — you guessed it — school construction projects. That detail was first made public this month by the CT Mirror’s Mark Pazniokas. As he confronts this mess, the governor has hired a containment vessel to handle the problem

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Gov. Ned Lamont selected Stanley Twardy, a former U.S. attorney for Connecticut, to look into the hiring of a former aide’s daughter by Chief State’s Attorney Richard Colangelo. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

OPINION

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Pay overworked teachers what they deserve

By Tiffany Moyer-Washington

Teachers make 1,500 cognitive decisions on a daily basis. Doctors make 1,800. Yet, teachers continuously fight for fair compensation for their time, expertise and respect for the roles they play in education.

In Hartford, this school year has been increasingly challenging. Students and educators are still facing trauma surrounding the pandemic, and on top of that, Hartford is facing significant teacher shortages, resulting in class sizes being at maximum capacity. And that is only the beginning. Teachers are being asked to do more with less, and to prevent teacher burnout, the district needs to increase pay, support educators and listen to educators' needs.

In the past two years, one in four teachers have considered leaving the education profession. As some of those teachers have ultimately decided to step away, students and educators have been forced to overcome the teacher shortage in a variety of ways. The teacher shortage has left Hartford educators like myself overwhelmed with little time for planning and few opportunities for collaboration. I personally know a growing number of teachers who have left the Hartford School District to teach elsewhere. When speaking to my colleagues, one common thread emerged: We need higher pay, better benefits and fewer responsibilities for our teachers.

Sixty-three percent of teachers report higher pay to be their biggest motivator for staying in the classroom. When teachers are underpaid, it makes us feel undervalued while making it difficult to cover costs of student loans and family needs. On average, Hartford



Sixty-three percent of teachers report higher pay to be their biggest motivator for staying in the classroom, writes Tiffany Moyer-Washington, a teacher at Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy. **SOFIE BRANDT/HARTFORD COURANT**

teachers make lower salaries than neighboring districts. However, we are regularly working beyond our contracted hours, and are expected to fill in for teachers not hired. Recently, I had to cover for an 8th grade science class (I'm certified in English), a virtual club meeting, a meeting with my administrator, and cafeteria duty, all before 10:30 a.m. That's a fairly typical day.

While not changing the volume of responsibilities for teachers, higher pay and increased support would show us that we are appreciated and that our hard work does not go unnoticed.

Increasing pay would not only

show teachers they are supported, but would incentivize veteran educators and new teachers to stay. Studies show a clear link between higher salaries and improved job satisfaction and retention. This means that while higher starting salaries and signing bonuses will attract new teachers, regular and competitive raises will keep teachers in our schools for longer, helping slow the teacher shortage, especially in Hartford.

Teachers are also feeling overwhelmed with the return to the classroom after more than a year of hybrid and nontraditional learning. Hartford made no alterations to the evaluation process this year

and decided to roll out brand new initiatives and curriculum requiring more professional development sessions, which take away from our preparation and collaboration time. When coupled with the staffing shortage and teachers like myself covering for other teachers during prep periods every week and working through lunch, veteran teachers do not have the opportunity to work with new teachers to mentor them or make them feel welcomed.

In order to break this cycle and retain new teachers, we need to increase our staff and create ways to support new teachers.

Class sizes are currently at

their maximum capacity according to our contracts, meaning there is one teacher for every 28 students. With not enough paraprofessionals in the classroom or additional staff members in the school, students are missing out on one-to-one attention, leading some students to not perform to their full potential. In order to lower these student-to-teacher ratios, the district needs to commit to hiring more staff, but not just teachers — schools also need more social workers, paraprofessionals and behavioral intervention specialists.

Schools can also get creative and partner with community agencies to help increase mental health supports in our schools until more full-time staff is hired. These professionals will add a network of support for classroom teachers, while providing students with the extra educational or mental health support they need.

I know everyone has faced a challenging past two years, and teachers around the country are dealing with insufficient pay, staffing shortages and burnout. However, right now in Hartford, we have the opportunity to make change, and we have the potential to do great things if the district works with us. I love Hartford, I care deeply about this city and I care deeply about my students. I want to make sure our staff is appreciated and our students are receiving the care and support they need.

Join me in demanding our district meets the needs of educators so we can be the absolute best that we can be.

Tiffany Moyer-Washington teaches English at Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gov. Lamont making more people exit state

There's an article headlined "Peace of mind" about paid family leave [Connecticut, Page 1, Dec. 2]. The governor states that this will be "one more reason to come to Connecticut." Does anybody really think a young Bill Gates or Elon Musk would have cared about paid family leave? What they and all entrepreneurs want are low taxes and an innovative and business-friendly culture. Furthermore, paid leave is just another burden on already overburdened businesses in Connecticut and another reason to leave. And, by the way, it's being paid for by another tax on wages. Do we really want more taxes? It's just another ploy by Democrats to pander to the public for votes.

Dick Emmons, West Hartford

Women must maintain choice over birth control

The United States is made up of about 168 million women — half the population. Adult women are once again the subject of regulation regarding their reproductive health care, including their choice to terminate a pregnancy. Nine justices of the Supreme Court, seven men and two women, are to decide the fate of 168 million women who should have freedom of choice regarding their reproductive health. The fact that religious doctrine emerges as the central role in this debate speaks to the lengthy and often fraught history of suppression and condemnation that women continue to endure. That women exert some control in using birth control and abortion as a means of sexual

autonomy must remain a choice and not a condemnation.

Leslie White, New Britain

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Each day, my copy of the Hartford Courant arrives in a plastic bag, which unfortunately is not an acceptable item for the recycle bin. I was feeling guilty about throwing it away, adding waste to the landfills. But I now collect the bags and give them to my neighbor, who has a dog. She uses them as poop bags. They are actually longer than the bags she purchases, making it easier to tie a knot. She is happy to help me in saving the environment. Just think of the impact if every Courant subscriber did

this. Yes, one person can make a difference.

Ginny Allen, Bloomfield

State-hiring favoritism is nothing new

Why hire a former U.S. prosecutor and two other lawyers to investigate the hiring of the daughter of former representative Kostas Diamantis when this is clearly a job for Captain Obvious [Page 1, Dec. 4, "Inquiry into hiring underway"]? At least for many of us state workers, it has been obvious for years that the hiring and promotion process of our respective agencies have been rife with favoritism, sexism and ageism. The Department of Administrative Services looks the other way.

Richard D. Kriscenski, Bristol

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before he faces voters in 11 months. Lamont and his aides chose Stanley Twardy, a U.S. attorney for Connecticut in the George H.W. Bush administration more than 30 years ago, to look into some of this. His agreement is secret, as are so many things in the Lamont administration.

Twardy is a lawyer at DayPitney, where one of his law partners is Chase Rogers, former chief justice of the state Supreme Court. Rogers was a college roommate of Gov. Lamont's wife. Lamont is godfather to Rogers' son Ned, who is named after the governor. Lamont appointed his namesake's father to the Superior Court. Connecticut is a small state with elites enjoying many connections to each other. Twardy is a safe pair of hands to conduct an inquiry that will strive to keep some distance between Lamont and the emerging sordid details.

Twardy's duty is to the state, not the governor. He must ask probing questions. Here are a few.

How did Anastasia Diamantis come to Colangelo's attention? Why did he interview her, a clerk in another state agency, before she applied for the job? Why did he interview no one else?

Colangelo hired Ms. Diaman-



Twardy



Colangelo

tis as he was seeking her father's support for raising the salaries of state prosecutors. Did he stand to gain? Did he tell anyone on the Criminal Justice Commission, which oversees Colangelo's agency, that he was planning to or had hired Ms. Diamantis?

Colangelo told the CT Mirror he knew of Ms. Diamantis' other job. She, however, did not include it on her job application or resume. Why not?

How did Colangelo know about it? Did it occur to the state's chief prosecutor that the daughter of the head of the state's school construction program having a second job with

a school construction project manager stinks of a misuse of influence?

What was Anastasia Diamantis paid by Antoniette Roy? How many hours did she work? What were her duties? What were her qualifications? Did Konstantinos Diamantis recommend Roy's firm to any company seeking to work on school construction projects?

What did McCaw know of the Diamantis hire? Did she know that Ms. Diamantis had a second job with DiBenedetto Roy's company? Does McCaw know Ms. Diamantis?

Twardy should talk to recent OPM retirees. They may explain the daily frustrations and obstacles of working in the McCaw/Diamantis OPM.

One of the governor's top

aides is Josh Geballe, who also serves as the commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). In that job, Geballe was Mr. Diamantis' supervisor. What did he know of a school construction contractor hiring Diamantis' daughter? Does the Lamont administration have a consistent method of requiring disclosure of personal and business relationships among its top officials?

State government has a woeful record of untangling insidious connections. Twardy must assure the public that he will share whatever he learns or is unable to determine with federal law enforcement officials who possess the authority, independence, and resources to compel answers and act upon them.



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COMMENTARY

Baseball lockout shows what’s wrong with economy

By Allison Schrager
Bloomberg Opinion

For the first time in more than 25 years (2020’s pandemic shutdown excluded) there is no baseball. I know it’s the offseason, but if the impasse between the players union and the owners continues there may be no baseball in April. The disagreement is largely about how younger players and superstars are paid. But the problems stem from big structural changes in the economy that impact every industry. And while the baseball lockout will eventually be resolved, the economy-wide issues that unions are ill-equipped to address will remain.

The U.S. economy has undergone some big changes in the last few decades that impact every industry, even the classic American game. Better data and data analytics make it easier to spot talent and how much an individual worker or player contributes. There are also bigger rewards to being a superstar both individually and as a team.

Talent tends to cluster, creating superstar companies (or teams) who earn

outsized rewards. Increased globalization and technology contribute to a larger, more lucrative market that increases the value of being a superstar, especially if you work at a superstar firm and work with other stars. This leaves mediocre players and workers behind and unable to compete. This also explains why baseball is struggling to find a compensation formula that can satisfy both players and owners.

When players enter the majors, they sign a contract that allows them to renegotiate a pay increase through arbitration after three years of service. After a minimum of six years of service they can become free agents and might sign a bigger deal with a different team. The union wants arbitration and free agency to happen sooner. With the current arrangement, many younger players are underpaid during their prime years. The analytics have revealed that most players become less valuable as they get into their 30s, when their contracts would typically expire.

That’s why many players have been extending their contracts and avoiding free agency. Under the rules, the ability to negotiate for higher pay tends to happen after

their peak years. If they could get out of their contracts earlier, they could make hay in their prime. This might be acceptable to the owners on its own, but the union also wants to preserve the upside, or the extremely large salaries for the few players who do go on to become big stars and secure big deals after their contract ends.

There is no salary cap in baseball, but there is a “luxury tax” on team salaries intended to prevent an arms race that ends in the richer teams hoarding the best talent. If a team’s total salaries exceed a certain amount, currently set at \$210 million, the team must pay a fine that goes up each year the threshold is violated.

So the owners would like to lower the luxury-tax threshold, introduce a salary floor, and base free agency on age instead of years in the league. This would keep salaries down for both young players and stars. Owners argue the players already have a good deal, industry pay has never been higher and the players’ share of revenue has been constant. Though that is largely because those few superstar salaries have gotten so high.

To be fair, it may not be possible to pay

\$43 million annually to the few stars and pay younger players more. Something has to give. The superstar economy creates a challenge for professional sports because it means a few breakout stars are paid a huge salary and wind up at a few exceptional teams, and in sports you need many good teams for it to be interesting. Ironically, it may now be employers who benefit more from unions because collective bargaining usually limits how much superstars can be paid and keeps the league more competitive.

But for players, the existing collective-bargaining model means that either top-tier players continue to be paid big salaries subsidized by younger players who support them or young players are paid their value and there is a limit on superstar salaries. Either option puts pressure on the solidarity of a union. The MLB will eventually reach some kind of agreement. But the plight of baseball shows that unions may not be the answer for workers in a superstar economy.

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4 ways US can stop Ukraine invasion

By James Stavridis
Bloomberg Opinion

When I became the supreme military commander at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in 2009, the alliance was focused on the war in Afghanistan. But one of the first senior delegations to visit me came to discuss Russia: the military chiefs of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

I’ll never forget the tone in their voices as they described the malevolence of Russian President Vladimir Putin. They had the insiders’ view, as they had ascended through the ranks while their countries were part of the Soviet Union.

The three laid out a persuasive case that Russia’s 2008 invasion of Georgia was a dress rehearsal for further operations against democracies bordering Russia. So we rewrote the alliance’s war plans for dealing with that possibility, significantly increasing the level of U.S. support for Eastern Europe.

At the time, I felt Ukraine was a likely target — a close partner to NATO, but not an actual member. And in 2014, Putin’s military moved in and seized Crimea.

Seven years later, Putin is again setting in place the forces to strike Ukraine, as he seeks to fully sever its relationship with the West. What are the best tools the U.S. and European democracies can use to deter him?



Russian President Vladimir Putin has invaded his democratic neighbors twice in 13 years. MIKHAIL METZEL/SPUTNIK/KREMLIN POOL

layup. The Russians used cyberattacks very effectively in the earlier assaults on Georgia and Ukraine; they need to know that their advantage there has been blunted.

A third tool is economic. Yes, previous sanctions have not dissuaded the Russian leader. But in a two-hour discussion with Putin on Tuesday, Biden conveyed some of the “strong economic and other measures” in the event of military escalation.

These should include additional targeted steps by all Western democracies against the highest members of Putin’s inner circle; tighter sanctions on Russia’s state-owned banks and its oil and gas sector (recognizing the difficulty of all this given the European dependence on Russian energy); and far broader secondary sanctions against companies doing business in Russia — which would begin to cut Putin off from the global economy.

Finally, the administration must

consider the so-called nuclear option: disconnecting Russia from the Swift international payment system used by banks around the world, a penalty that helped devastate Iran’s economy a decade ago.

In terms of aiding the Ukrainian military, the Pentagon is providing Biden with a significant menu: defensive but lethal missile systems that can stop tanks; motorized artillery and ground transports for troops; advanced drones with strike capability; basic ammunition; and other logistical support.

The Pentagon could even transfer a missile defense system to counter Russian surface-to-surface weapons. All this must be combined with sufficient U.S. trainers and strategic advisers to assist Ukrainian military planners as they assess contingencies.

Finally, Putin despises the idea of Western troops stationed close to Russia. He is

seeking security guarantees, including a pledge by NATO not to enlarge eastward, as the price of deescalation. The West shouldn’t buy it: He should be told that an invasion of Ukraine would have the opposite effect, with a dramatic increase in American forces in the Baltics, Poland, Romania and Bulgaria. A flotilla of U.S. Navy Arleigh Burke-class destroyers currently stationed in Rota, Spain, could be redeployed to Greece and begin regular operational cruises into the Black Sea.

Putin has moved beyond saber-rattling, even if the likelihood of his launching an attack before the end of the year seems relatively low. He has invaded his democratic neighbors twice in the past 13 years. Letting him get away with it again could set the international system back decades.

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What do you say to someone who is suffering?



David Brooks

Several weeks ago, I gave a talk, and afterward the questions from the audience came to me on index cards. Most of the questions were about politics or society, but one card read: “What do you do when you’ve spent your life wanting to be dead?”

I didn’t answer that card because I didn’t know anything about the person who wrote it and because I didn’t know what to say. But it has haunted me, and I’ve kept the card on my nightstand ever since.

I wish I’d said that I don’t have any answers for you, but I do have a response. My response would start with the only things I know about you: You’ve been through a lot of pain over the course of your life. You have amazing powers of endurance because you are still here. I know you’re fighting still because you reached out to me. My response begins with deep respect for you.

The other thing I know is that you are not alone. There is always a lot of suffering in the world, and over the past few years we have seen high tides of despair. The sources of people’s pain may be different — grief, shame, exclusion, heartbreak,

physical or mental health issues — but they almost always involve some feeling of isolation, of being cut off from others.

In my own seasons of suffering, I’ve been shocked at how emotional pain feels like searing physical pain in the stomach and chest, by how tempting it is to self-isolate and rob yourself of the very human contact you need most. But when it comes to extreme suffering, I must look to people who know more about it than I do, and one of those people is Viktor Frankl, who survived the Nazi death camps.

Frankl argued that we often can’t control what happens to us in life, that we can control only how we respond to it. If we respond to terrible circumstances with tenacity, courage, unselfishness and dignity, then we can add a deeper meaning to life. One can win small daily victories over hard circumstances.

There were many people in the camps who wanted to die more than live. In “Man’s Search for Meaning,” Frankl wrote that he would try to help them recognize that “life was still expecting something from them; something in the future was expected of them.” Frankl liked to paraphrase Nietzsche: “He who has a why to live for can bear with almost any how.”

The Bible is filled with characters who are at times overwhelmed with life and wish they could be rid of it — Jonah, Elijah, Job and even Moses. They are so central to the biblical story because desolation is part

of the human experience, part of the bricks and mortar out of which we construct our lives. Suffering had such profound and unpredictable effects on those characters, as it does on all of us. Suffering can make people self-centered, loveless, humorless and angry. But we all know cases where suffering didn’t break people but broke them open — made them more caring toward and knowledgeable about the suffering of others. And the old saying that we suffer our way to wisdom is not wrong. We often learn more from the hard times than the happy ones.

And so we are right to treat those who have suffered with respect and credibility. “Without your wound where would your power be?” Thornton Wilder wrote. “It is your very remorse that makes your low voice tremble into the hearts of men. The very angels themselves cannot persuade the wretched and blundering children on earth as can one human being broken on the wheels of living. In love’s service only the wounded soldiers can serve.”

This doesn’t mean that those who have suffered should go out giving sermons and lectures. We all know the weakness of words in these circumstances. But having tasted desolation, those who have suffered do powerfully sit with others in their desolation. Rabbi Elliot Kukla once described a woman with a brain injury who would sometimes fall to the floor. People around her would rush to immediately get her

back on her feet, before she was quite ready. She told Kukla, “I think people rush to help me up because they are so uncomfortable with seeing an adult lying on the floor. But what I really need is for someone to get down on the ground with me.”

Kukla pointed out that getting on the floor can be anxiety-producing and, when someone is in deep despair, even dangerous to the strongest caregiver. But sometimes you just get on the floor.

We all need witnesses — to witness others, to be witnessed, to draw inspiration from each other. “Consolation is an act of solidarity in space,” Michael Ignatieff wrote in his new book, “On Consolation.”

I asked a pastor what he says to people in pain. One thing he says is, “I want more for you.” I repeat that sentence to you not with any illusion that the world does what I want, but simply as an expression of goodwill, an acknowledgment of how we all sit with our common fragility, and a recognition that life is unpredictable. It changes. In many pilgrims’ progress, the slough of despond gives way to enchanted ground.

If you are having thoughts of suicide, in the United States call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255 (TALK) or go to SpeakingOfSuicide.com/resources for a list of additional resources.

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THEATER REVIEW

Twisted holiday tradition

The snarky, fun classic ‘Christmas on the Rocks’ returns with maybe a slightly darker tone at TheaterWorks

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

‘Christmas on the Rocks’ still carries the kick of a holiday party cocktail. Now in its ninth season, TheaterWorks Hartford’s modern classic has seen a few changes. Not only have actors come and gone, so have whole scenes from this off-the-wall anthology of snarky updates of Christmas classics.

The playlets are the same as they’ve been for the last few seasons, but they’re being done again live. Last year’s virtual streaming version restaged the show from a new perspective and added amusing TikTok style codas to the scenes but just didn’t feel the same as watching these characters crash about a stage in person.

This year, Ted Lange has returned for his third go-round (including that streaming one, in which we only heard his voice) as the beleaguered bartender who endures a series of bizarre encounters with grown-up versions of classic characters from Christmas stories and TV specials.

Randy Harrison is back doing all the male roles, including Hermey the elf (embracing his queer identity and nursing a nasty grudge against his former friend Rudolph); Ralphie from “A Christmas Story” (wearing an eyepatch due to a BB gun incident); a curmudgeonly Tiny Tim (who’s told “I can’t tell if you’re a Democrat or a Republican”); and the still-lovable blockhead Charlie Brown.

This year the big excitement is a new performer for all the female roles, which were owned by Jenn Harris for every year of “Christmas on the Rocks” except its first. Jen Cody largely skews to Harris’ manic interpretations of “It’s a Wonderful Life”’s Zuzu (driven



Ted Lange as the bartender and new cast member Jen Cody as Clara in “Christmas on the Rocks” at TheaterWorks Hartford.
CHRISTOPHER CAPOZZIELLO

mad by the sound of bells); Frosty the Snowman’s friend Karen, now a vlogger and impulsive criminal; and the “Nutcracker” heroine Clara, who’s married to the titular boy-toy and is drowning her sorrows in vodka.

Cody throws herself just as bodily into the roles — as Clara alone she climbs atop the bar, does a hilarious balletic split on the floor and rolls

around frantically in petticoat and bloomers. But she’s a different physical type than Harris, shorter and spunkier. Her face-offs with Lange are in the great tradition of tall/short comedy couples from Abbott & Costello to Ren & Stimpy.

Lange, as this show continually reminds us, is best known as Isaac the bartender of TV’s “The Love Boat.” But

he’s also a Shakespearean actor and scholar with a stage and screen career that’s spanned half a century. He plays the bartender philosophically, as a good listener, an amateur analyst and a superb straight man who gets gracefully out of the way so that Harrison and Cody can do their clowning.

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Playhouse on Park gets a new scene shop (and a table saw) for Christmas

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

What Playhouse on Park wanted most for Christmas was a table saw. It arrived this week, a gift from one of the West Hartford-based theater’s longtime patrons Matt and Vicky Bragg.

There was a place waiting for the table saw in the playhouse’s new scene

shop, which is in an industrial park on Anderson Street in West Hartford, a few minutes drive from the theater.

The scene shop was given a housewarming on Tuesday night. Singer/guitarist Josh Karim was singing pop standards on one side of the room. The decorations reflected the sense of humor of Play-

house on Park’s co-artistic director Darlene D, who oversees the playhouse’s “Mama D” burlesque revues. Christmas elf dolls could be found throughout the space: head down in container of lumber, or squeezed uncomfortably in a table vice. The tools and machines that had been given to the theater as gifts, including that impos-

ing table saw, had big red ribbons on them.

The scene shop used to be a Knights of Columbus hall, and there’s still evidence of the old club-like space. The shelves of the bar area, which was used to pass out wine, beer and hot cider on Tuesday, will be used to sort and

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Playhouse on Park’s new scene shop was given a housewarming party on Dec. 7. Notice the uncomfortable elf in a vise to the left. CHRISTOPHER ARNOTT

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The life-changing treatment every Parkinson’s patient should know about

According to the National Institute on Aging, symptoms of Parkinson’s disease most commonly start to appear when the patient is in their 50s or 60s. But about 5%-10% of Parkinson’s patients experience an early onset of the disease. That was the case for Ron Vivar, a 60-year-old Connecticut man who was diagnosed at 41.

“I was feeling bad,” says Vivar, “I had stiffness, my hands were shaking and I had pain in my back.”

Over the years, Vivar has tried several medications to control his symptoms. Sometimes they would work, but over time, every medication would eventually become less effective.



Dr. Joy Antonelle de Marcaida is the medical director of the Chase Family Movement Disorders Center at Hartford Hospital. “I’ve known Ron for years,” Dr. de Marcaida says, “and for somebody who was still looking at a long life ahead of him, with many productive years ahead of him, this diagnosis hit him pretty hard.”

In late 2018, Vivar was referred to the Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) program at Hartford Hospital. DBS involves implanting a pacemaker-like device in the brain that regulates abnormal neural activity. After bloodwork, an MRI and a neuropsychological evaluation, it was determined Vivar would be a good candidate.

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COURANT ARTS PICKS FROM DEC. 12-18

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, CT Gay Men’s Chorus, Shaun Cassidy and Big Al Anderson

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

In search of holiday nostalgia? You have choice of country rock, ska, a ‘70s teen idol, jump swing, roots rock and some Connecticut legends, not to mention the Connecticut Gay Men’s Chorus.

Christmas cheer

For over 35 Decembers the Connecticut Gay Men’s Chorus have donned their gay apparel and put on the sauciest, silliest and sweetest seasonal concert in the state. This year’s show is titled “Bright Shiny Balls,” but the rude puns are tempered with an abundance of holiday cheer and joyous harmonies. Dec. 12 at both 3 and 7 p.m. at The Kate, 300 Main St., Old Saybrook. \$32. ctgmc.org.

Bah, humbug!

Westport Country Playhouse’s Script in Hand series gets Scroogey Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. with Mark Shanahan directing a live-in-person reading (that will also be streamed on demand) of his own Dickens adaptation “A Merry Little Christmas Carol.” The seven-person cast includes the playhouse’s artistic director Mark Lamos as the narrator. Tickets are \$20 for the live show, \$20 (\$40/couple, \$80/household) for the

stream. westportplayhouse.org.

There she is

Following days of preliminary events, parties and trade shows, the culmination of the Miss America 2022 Competition is Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. at Mohegan Sun Arena, 1 Mohegan Sun Blvd., Uncasville. \$100-\$250. mohegansun.com.

Big Al’s back

Big Al Anderson and the Floor Models have a two-night stand Dec. 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. at Infinity Hall, 32 Front St., Hartford. Anderson’s a Connecticut native whose band the Wildweeds had a regional hit in the 1960s. He’s better known for playing with NRBQ in the ‘70s and ‘80s, then forging a solo career as a Nashville songwriter and a revered rock guitarist. The Floor Models features other Connecticut music legends, including West Hartford-based guitarist/producer Jim Chapdelaine. \$49-\$69. infinityhall.com.

Holiday swing

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy was one of the pioneers of the hot jazz/ swing band revival of the 1990s, and it’s a revival that never died. Their hot live sound is made for casinos, where people still dress and talk

snappily. The Big Bad Voodoo Daddy Wild and Swingin’ Holiday Party is Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. at Mohegan Sun Wolf Den, 1 Mohegan Sun Blvd., Uncasville. Free. mohegansun.com.

Ska survivors

When the Third Wave Ska movement crested in the ‘90s and ‘00s, the biggest shows were always around the holidays, when college kids who’d spent their high school years skanking to ska’s infectious beats, horns and roaring guitars returned to their hometown punk clubs for reunions. The Slackers, from New York were in the Third Wave Ska firmament, playing in Connecticut constantly. The band’s still around, still praised for its genre-bending versatility. The Slackers play Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. at the Space Ballroom, 295 Treadwell St., Hamden. \$25. spaceballroom.com.

Dancing the Night Away

After two postponements due to the COVID shutdown, the beloved Latino country rock act The Mavericks finally make it back to the Garde Arts Center, 325 State St., New London on Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. The latest Mavericks album, “En Español”



Connecticut-born guitar great Big Al Anderson and the Floor Models return for a pair of holiday shows Dec. 16 and 17 at Infinity Hall Hartford. INFINITY HALL

was released in August of 2020, about a year after the band last played the Garde. \$38-\$68. gardearts.org.

Merry Goosemas

The Norwalk-based jam band sensation Goose is holding its annual “Goosemas” Dec.18 at 8 p.m. Mohegan Sun Arena, 1 Mohegan Sun Blvd., Uncasville. Last year’s Goosemas was a virtual show from New York’s Rockefeller Center. This one’s in-person, with three full sets. \$39.50 and \$49.50. mohegansun.com.

Hip-hop history

What do KRS One, Big Daddy Kane, Slick Rick, DJ Jazzy Jeff, Rakim and EPMD have in common? They’re all “Legends of the Mic” and they all appear Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. Such a stellar line-up is a history lesson as well as an assured good time. Foxwoods

Premier Theater, 350 Trolley Line Blvd., Mashantucket. \$88-\$158. foxwoods.com.

Shaun song

As a teen idol, Shaun Cassidy made some fascinating choices. He covered pop songs by everyone from Eric Carmen to Ruby and the Romantics to The Crystals and The Ronettes. For his fifth and final studio album, “Wasp” from 1980, he had Todd Rundgren as a producer, Utopia as his backing band and songs by David Bowie, Talking Heads and The Who in his repertoire. “Wasp” has a well-earned cult following. No longer a teen (he’s 63), Cassidy’s been a formidable TV producer for decades. But the erstwhile Hardy Boy be playing music again Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. at the Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge, Ridgefield. \$75, \$125 for VIP package. ridgefieldplayhouse.org.

Rockin’ around the Christmas tree

Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Johnny Cash really did meet and jam one magical night at Sun Studio in Memphis, Tennessee. The impromptu session inspired the long-running off-Broadway hit “Million Dollar Quartet.” A sequel to the show, “Million Dollar Quartet Christmas” reminds you that it was in early December (Dec. 4, 1956, to be exact) that the four legends met, same month as Christmas. The musical, which is at least as much a tribute concert as it is a theater show, is Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. at Waterbury Palace, 100 East Main St., Waterbury. \$36-\$66. palacetheaterct.org.

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Harrison remains an expert at the Charlie Brown shuffle-walk. His Tiny Tim behaves like someone whose legs got better, resting his feet on a tabletop. As Hermey, he finds infinite variations in the stream of stereotypical gay jokes scripted by Jeffrey Hatcher.

“Christmas on the Rocks,” after nearly a decade, still retains its necessary air of bad taste and hipster disdain. It has fun with the idea of children becoming their parents, or losing their wide-eyed Christmas-loving innocence, or turning bitter about their families and friends. Director Rob Ruggiero — who conceived the show and commissioned its scenes from such skilled playwrights as Theresa Rebeck, John Cariani, Edwin Sanchez and Hartford’s own Jacques Lamarre — has kept it fresh and frantic.

What’s notable this year is the darker tone “Christmas on the Rocks” can emanate. This may be due to Lange’s subtle pushing of the play’s underlying themes of kindness towards others and the

search for personal fulfillment. It may be due to Harrison’s exquisite look of exhaustion and resignation when embodying world-weary cartoons. It may be due to hearing some lines anew in the voice of Cody, who is very good at being heard about the din that she herself is creating. It is definitely due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has put a damper on so many Yuletide gatherings.

“Christmas on the Rocks” is a parody, a goof, a send-up of the sweetness and sanctimony of holiday shows. But it also is inspired dark comedy, a “Candide”-esque satire about bad things happening to good people. That spark may have been less bright in recent years, but it’s reignited now.

“Christmas on the Rocks” runs through Jan. 4 at TheaterWorks Hartford, 233 Pearl St., Hartford. Performances are Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. at TheaterWorks Hartford, 233 Pearl St., Hartford. \$50-\$65. twhartford.org.

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Randy Harrison as Ralphie, recognizing a lamp in “Christmas on the Rocks” at TheaterWorks Hartford. CHRISTOPHER CAPOZZIELLO

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store props. A pool cue rack has become a tool rack.

Another advantage of converting a social club to a workspace: two restrooms.

It’s rare to see a scene shop in such a pristine state, not yet covered in a patina of sawdust or splattered with drops of paint. Only one theater set has been constructed in the space so far: an elegant 19th century drawing room for the romantic comedy “Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley” by Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon, a sequel to Jane Austen’s “Pride and Prejudice” that runs at the theater through Dec. 23.

The play opened last week at Playhouse on Park’s performance space Park Road (next to the A.C. Peterson restaurant). The designs are arriving this week for the musical “Five Guys Named Moe,” which runs Jan. 26 through Feb. 27. The housewarming was timed for a rare time when the new scene shop will not be in use.

Besides “Christmas at Pemberley,” there’s another



Playhouse on Park Technical Director Johann Fitzpatrick (left) and Production Manager Sasha Wahl at the theater’s new scene shop. CHRISTOPHER ARNOTT PHOTOS

Christmas show running at Playhouse on Park, which doesn’t trouble the scene shop at all. It’s an encore online screening of the choral drama “All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914,” filmed outdoors by the same director who did “Christmas at Pemberley,” Sasha Bratt, and first shown last year during the COVID shutdown.

Playhouse on Park Managing Director Tracy Flater says the theater company, founded in 2009, had its own scene shop

once before, “a long time ago. Then we had a technical director who had their own shop, so that was less expensive for us. After we parted ways with them, we had a builder where it was a similar situation. Then for a while we were building sets in our theater space, which was impractical. We’re very busy. There’s not a lot of downtime between shows. If we’re not building there, we can do more shows.” Besides multi-week runs of plays and musicals,



The brand new table saw, bathed in holiday lights and containing an errant elf, at the housewarming party for Playhouse on Park’s new scene shop in West Hartford.

Playhouse on Park holds one-night comedy shows, playreadings, youth acting classes and other events.

Playhouse on Park signed the lease on the scene shop space less than a month ago.

Dozens of people attended the housewarming from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, including numerous Playhouse on Park board members as well as the entire cast of “Miss Bennet: Christmas at

Pemberley.” The theater’s technical director, Johann Fitzpatrick, and production manager, Sasha Wahl, two of the people who’ll be in the scene shop most often, held court near the entrance.

Overseeing its own scene shop means that the playhouse has to get its own tools now to stock it with.

“We’re starting from scratch,” Flater says. “A lot of people support us by looking at our wish

list,” which is posted at the theater, and online at playhouseonpark.org. This year’s list is dominated by work tools, from putty knives to a push broom to a “flammables cabinet.”

To create the “Christmas at Pemberley” set, other local theater companies, including TheaterWorks Hartford, lent tools to Playhouse on Park. The scene shop housewarming, where areas are already labeled for things not yet purchased, should further inspire the gift-givers. “Also,” Flater says, “people like to look behind the scenes.”

The new scene shop, Flater says, acts as “a good reality check for us. As you grow, you realize that some things you were doing for affordability, so you could keep the budgets low, could be a burden on the staff. It’s about growth, but it’s also about better work conditions. You ask ‘What is best for our business?’ This was an easy one: we could do more shows, and take more time to build sets. So we needed a scene shop.”

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For actors, film is Lucy and Desi’s love story

Kidman and Bardem honor their legacy in ‘Being the Ricardos’

By Yvonne Villarreal
Los Angeles Times

Before you even see Nicole Kidman and Javier Bardem as TV’s most beloved husband and wife in “Being the Ricardos,” a biopic that follows the famous duo behind the classic “I Love Lucy” sitcom, you’ll hear them. The pair get a slow reveal as Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, respectively, in the opening moments of the film, mid-fight and purposefully in contrast to their black-and-white TV personas. It’s the first sign that writer-director Aaron Sorkin is all too aware of the expectations most viewers will bring to a film about the incomparable zany redhead and her broad-shouldered Cuban bandleader husband that they’ve come to know through nearly 200 time-less episodes.

Although Kidman and Bardem have inhabited well-known figures before on screen, both admit there was an especially high degree of difficulty in portraying one of Hollywood’s all-time great couples.

“When you’re playing someone that has done beautiful things for all of us, as an actor, you have a responsibility to honor that soul, that person,” Bardem says. “... In playing someone like Desi, what you have to do is prepare yourself and read and watch as much as you can; see and get information. And then there’s a moment where you have to jump into the pool ... We are trying to grab what they meant for the business, what they meant for the world, what they meant for the audiences, what they meant for each other.”

For Kidman, who wasn’t an obvious choice



Nicole Kidman and Javier Bardem attend the premiere of “Being The Ricardos” on Dec. 2 in New York. EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION

to capture Ball’s physical comedy genius, the process of disappearing into the lovable funnywoman proved “daunting.” She spent six weeks studying the “I Love Lucy” catalog.

“I didn’t know an enormous amount about her,” says Kidman. “Aaron was like, ‘This is not meant to be some sort of carbon copy of “I Love Lucy;” you can go do whatever preparation you’re going to do for the “I Love Lucy” (stuff), but I’m interested in Lucy and Desi.’”

Kidman ditched the lilt of her Australian accent to demonstrate the ease with which she can now slip into her impression of Ball’s voice and that of her famous fictional alter ego, Lucy Ricardo.

“Lucille has a deeper voice, a voice that smokes a packet of cigarettes a day,” she says. “And then the Lucy Ricardo is a very different timber. It was a really rigorous, technical

approach.”

Bardem added: “We worked our (butts) off to get as close as we could in order to really honor who they were physically, their behavior, their voice, their tone, their differences between who they were on the show and who they were behind the show.”

“Being the Ricardos” continues Sorkin’s penchant for telling behind-the-scenes stories exploring the tensions and grand themes that emerge in the making of extraordinary things. The film opens with the conceit that a documentary is being made about a chaotic week of production on “I Love Lucy” in 1952, in which a convergence of crises — including an investigation by the House Un-American Activities Committee into Ball’s alleged ties to communism — nearly brought down the wildly popular 1950s sitcom and deepened the cracks

and strengths of Ball and Arnaz’s real-life marriage.

“It’s exploring marriage and the nature of building a company together in a creative union versus a romantic union, and how do you navigate that?” Kidman says of the film, which arrives Dec. 10 in theaters and Dec. 21 on Amazon Prime Video.

Ball and Arnaz wed on Nov. 30, 1940, and were married for 20 years — not always happily. Ball filed for divorce on March 3, 1960, while filming the series finale of “The Lucy-Desi Comedy Hour.”

Although their on-screen chemistry mirrored their real-life affection, things weren’t always so picture-perfect off-screen. Sorkin’s film spends time mining the intimate moments of their complex relationship — the way their respective careers kept them apart early in their relationship, Ball’s suspicions of Arnaz’s

philandering and the stress of running a business empire together.

“Something that Javier and I talked about is that this is a love story — this is about two people that, whatever the situations and the barriers and the things they’re up against, the underlying love has to shine through,” Kidman says. “I love how they handled their failures, separately and together. Each failure spurred them on. And I love that they had this kinetic energy — he saw her, what she was capable of, and he believed in her even when she didn’t believe in herself ... That’s so romantic, deeply loving.”

Helping add some assurance that their portrayals of the marriage felt truthful, Kidman says, was the involvement of Lucy and Desi’s daughter, Lucie Arnaz. As an executive producer, alongside her brother, Desi Arnaz Jr., Lucie had input on the

casting and script, and she visited the set.

In telling the story of Ball and Arnaz, the film establishes their business savviness and immense contribution to the entertainment industry. “I Love Lucy” was a hugely influential series that revolutionized the small screen as the first sitcom filmed with three cameras in front of a live audience. Arnaz and Ball launched their own studio, Desilu Productions, that turned out such network hits as “The Untouchables,” “Mission: Impossible” and “Star Trek.”

“They were a great team,” Kidman says. “They had demons, they had passion, they had all those other things coming at them, but the basis of what they could achieve together as a creative team and as a couple was extraordinary. And really set the path for so many other people to follow.”

Bardem adds: “Lucille was very brave in going ahead with putting her husband near her at a time where that was absolutely denied by the society because he was an immigrant, and for giving him that space he deserved as a businessman. It seems like no big deal in hindsight. But it was. And (in the film,) you really get a sense of what Desi meant to the business of Hollywood.”

One of the dilemmas explored in the film is when Ball became pregnant with their second child, Desi Jr., in 1952. At a time when on-screen married couples slept in separate beds, pregnancy was considered a taboo topic for the airwaves. Ever the trailblazer, Ball had her pregnancy written into the show. Forty-four million viewers — 72% of all TV homes at the time — tuned in to watch Lucy give birth to Little Ricky.

“They were revolutionaries,” Bardem says.

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In June 2019, the neurosurgical team at Hartford Hospital performed the DBS procedure. Programming of the DBS computer parameters was then started two weeks after, but the beneficial effects for Vivar were almost immediate. Now almost two years later, Vivar says the procedure changed his life, allowing him to join in on more family and community activities. He is also dancing again, something that requires a level of coordination and stability his condition had taken from him.

“It made me feel good again,” says Vivar. “It improved my memory and cognition. Physically, I feel stronger, have improved walking and my shaking is almost gone.”

What is Deep Brain Stimulation?

Hartford HealthCare’s Deep Brain Stimulation program, led by medical director Dr. Patrick Senatus, just celebrated its fourth year anniversary in November 2021. The program will be treating its 100th DBS patient in January of 2022. “Hartford HealthCare’s program is one of the busiest and fastest-growing DBS surgical programs in the nation, and we are proud to be able to provide this high level of expertise to patients in our community,” shares Dr. Senatus.

He explains, “Essentially, what we’re doing is trying to modify abnormal electrical signals in the brain that negatively affect the circuitry to allow smooth, continuous movements to occur.”

The procedure is completed in two surgeries with postoperative adjustments made as needed. Dr. Senatus explains that the first surgery entails placing an electrode in a targeted area of the brain. He says, “While we’re in the OR, we can see electrophysiologic changes. We actually seek them out because that is another one of the confirmatory steps that allows us to know we’re in the right area.”

The second surgery involves implanting the battery-operated pulse generator in a pocket under the skin. That computerized device is then programmed to meet the needs of the individual patient.

Dr. Senatus says it’s one of the most satisfying surgeries he performs. He says, “You can actually see severe symptoms melt away,” says Dr. Senatus. “Patients have sent me pictures of them yachting, playing golf or really doing quite a number of things that they were either hesitant to engage in or just found impossible to do.”

Making DBS Accessible

Although DBS has been available since 2002, relatively few Parkinson’s patients even know about it, and Dr. de Marcaida says one of her biggest goals is to connect with more members of the Parkinson’s community. Since helping to found the Movement Disorders Center in November 2015, Dr. de Marcaida has expanded the number of neurologists in her program from one physician to ten Movement Disorders specialists in multiple locations throughout Connecticut. All these specialists are thus able to refer Parkinson’s patients to Hartford Hospital, where the procedure is performed.

Dr. de Marcaida says it’s particularly important that patients typically excluded from highly specialized procedures like DBS, particularly Black, Indigenous and People of Color have an equal opportunity to receive this treatment. She says, “One study reported that only 0.1% of the people who get DBS are Black. Yet, a study out of Pennsylvania has suggested that the percentage of people with Parkinson’s disease who are Black was around 28%.”

Dr. Senatus concurs, sharing that out of the thousands of cases he has worked on, only a handful have been Black. He tells us, “With the current technology, the safety and precision with which we are able to perform this procedure are impressive, and under the care of a highly skilled surgeon, the benefits to patients are substantial.”

Both Dr. de Marcaida and Dr. Senatus hope to address the community’s hesitancy about innovative options, in part, by getting the message out about the strikingly positive outcomes they’ve witnessed with DBS and by encouraging anyone who has Parkinson’s or knows someone with the disease to let them

know about this treatment, and to connect with the many Movement Disorders specialists who are now in Connecticut to serve them.

For more information about the Chase Family Movement Disorders Center, attend Hartford HealthCare’s Facebook Live event on Dec. 15 at 12:30 p.m. or call 833-444-0014.

— Jessica Chesler for [Hartford HealthCare](#)

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James and Holly Herrmann in Padua, Italy, on Sept. 23. Holly Herrmann vowed to move to Italy when she was 20. Her dream came true 38 years later.

She made the move to Italy

After 38 years of dreaming, one woman made it to her mecca

By **Alix Strauss**
The New York Times

In 1978, when Holly Herrmann was 20, she flew to Bolzano, Italy, a scenic city in the foothills of the Tyrolean Alps, to compete in the Ferruccio Busoni International Piano Competition. A native Californian, the budding concert pianist was taken with a country that was so intricately interwoven with classical music, food and beauty. She vowed to make it her home one day.

“By then I was living in Seattle, and this was my first time in Italy. I was fascinated by this cohesive, beautiful, historic center that was so wonderfully rich with life and activity,” Herrmann, now 63, said of the medieval heart of Bolzano. “Italy offered a different style of life that I enjoyed more than what I was experiencing at home. I knew at some point I would end up living there.”

Moving permanently to Italy would take 38 years. After her piano competition, she flew to New York to do groundwork for her planned move to the city as a professional pianist. Then she flew to Seattle, where on her first day back she was introduced, through college friends, to Jim Herrmann. The two quickly began an intense friendship. Within a year they were married. Over the next several years they had two children. (Jim Herrmann already had two children from a previous marriage.) Hopes of New York faded. Italy became even fainter.

But her dream of moving to Italy never died. In 2015, at her daughter’s urging, she spent a month in Orvieto, a medieval hill town in central Italy, to see if she

was still passionate about the Italian way of life. Her husband joined her for 10 days. The trip convinced them both that this should be their new reality. The deep desire for a lifestyle change became financially possible with the sale of their home and retirement savings.

In 2016, the couple picked up their lives in Seattle. Unsure of what their future would hold, they first rented their four-bedroom home, then later sold it along with their two cars and possessions too large to take with them. They boarded an Italy-bound plane with one carry-on and suitcase apiece. For two years, the couple lived in Lecce, a lively city in southern Italy with Baroque-era churches and narrow streets lined with rustic restaurants. But Lecce’s remoteness made it difficult to travel around Europe, so in 2018 they settled in Padua, an ancient city with arcaded streets and stylish cafes only a 33-minute train ride from Venice.

Today, the couple live in a two-bedroom apartment that overlooks Piazza dei Signori, a charming little square in the historic center of Padua. The following interview has been edited and condensed.

Q: What finally lit your fire?

A: A few times a year my kids would hear me say, “When I’m old I’m going to move to Italy.” The last time I said it, which was in 2015, my daughter said, “Why do you say when you’re old? Why don’t you make it happen now?” That really struck me. All of the limits I’d created — Jim, the kids, the house — were



A view of Padua, Italy, near where the Herrmanns live. **ALESSANDRO GRASSANI/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

self-imposed to make me feel I couldn’t realize my dream. I needed to drop them and dream bigger and more freely. When I told Jim about wanting to move there, he surprised me by agreeing with my daughter that I should go for a month to see how I felt. Then all of the weight I was carrying around dropped off.

Q: What steps did you take to make this work?

A: I signed up for Italian lessons in Seattle. I researched where I should spend the month. I had already experienced Bolzano, so I decided to go to Orvieto, which is a small city in Umbria that’s between Florence and Rome. Jim joined me and loved it.

When we returned home, we decided to make the move. In January 2016, Jim retired. I sold my Steinway 7-foot piano to a student of mine. We had an estate sale. We rented out our house in Seattle, which paid for our life in Italy. Later on, we sold the house to continue financing life here. We started in Lecce because we wanted to go to a place where the local population didn’t speak English and we’d be forced to speak Italian, which we were. Since then, I’ve become almost fluent.

Q: Did you see this move as a second act?

A: I have a palpable feeling that one chapter has ended and another began.

My life story now includes that I live in Italy. It’s not a new book, but a new exciting chapter — written in Italian.

Q: How has this experience changed you?

A: I feel like my life is rich here. Italians have an art of living. They take pleasure in the small moments. I’ve learned to do that, too. I feel seen and understood in a way I wasn’t before.

Q: What kind of advice can you offer someone who feels stuck?

A: Make a list of five essential things that need to happen to make your plan a reality. Start with one. Don’t look at all of them because that can be overwhelming. If you can

accomplish one, then go to two. Then see if you can finish the list. Don’t do anything drastic. Do a test run to see if you’re suitable for this kind of life and if it makes you happy or uncomfortable. I had a strong drive to do this. If you’re compelled to do something, you should attempt to do it.

Q: What is something life has taught you?

A: Regret is useless. You can’t go back and change any decision you made. Try to embrace right where you are. That unlocks the future. When you are centered and focused on the joy and beauty of your life, life unfolds effortlessly. Regret doesn’t play a part in that philosophy.

Winter travel ideas perfect for your bucket list

By **Lynn O’Rourke Hayes**
FamilyTravel.com

As temperatures drop, it’s time to craft your winter bucket list. Here are ideas to consider.

Lone Mountain Ranch, Big Sky, Montana: Just a stone’s throw from Yellowstone National Park’s northwest border, in the shadow of Lone Peak, you’ll find a cluster of hand-built cabins. Authentic and luxurious, the historic accom-

modations help visitors conjure the days when the property was a working cattle ranch, operating in untamed country. The region is home to stunning vistas and abundant wildlife including grizzlies, black bears, bison and wolves. In the company of guides or on their own, adventurers have the chance to explore the last best place via Nordic and downhill skis, snowshoes or snuggled up aboard a horse-drawn sleigh.

The National Park Inn, Mount Rainier National Park, Washington: Leave your cares behind and immerse yourselves in the beauty of this majestic setting in National Park’s Longmire Historic District. Check in to one of 25 rooms in the two-story lodge. Will you choose a guided snow walk? Snowboarding or tubing? Visit the general store for access to cross-country and snowshoeing rentals and other goodies. Be sure to plan

ahead for current weather conditions.

Ouray Ice Park, Ouray, Colorado: This small Colorado mountain town is home to one of the country’s premiere ice festivals that remains free and open to the public. Competitors of all levels, climbing companies and spectators gather for the event and the opportunity to demo the latest ice tools, apparel and gear. Ice Fest 2022 is Jan. 20-23.



At Ouray Ice Park in Colorado, you can watch an ice climbing competition. **DREAMSTIME**

Taking a stroll through London history



Rick Steves

I've spent more time in London than in any other European city. Its people, its traditions, and its history keep drawing me back.

In England, history means museums, churches, and castles. But my favorite ways to learn history don't always require entry through a turnstile.

Strolling with a good local guide is like beachcombing. I pick up obscure shards of a neighborhood's distant past, unlocking unexpected stories.

On a bright, brisk January morning, I join David Tucker, who runs a tour company called London Walks. Walking through London with him epitomizes the metaphor of urban beachcombing ... followed by literal beachcombing as well.

From London Bridge, David points downriver past the Tower of London and says, "During the Second World War, Nazi bombers used the Thames as a guide on their nightly raids. When moonlit, they called it a 'silver ribbon of tin foil.' It led from the English Channel right to our mighty dockyards. Even with all the city lights carefully blacked out, those bombers easily found their targets. Neighborhoods on both banks of the river went up in flames. After the war, the business district on the North Bank was rebuilt, but the South Bank ... it was long neglected."

Turning his back to St. Paul's Cathedral, David points to a vast complex of new buildings showing off the restored, trendy South Bank, and continues, "Only recently has the bombed-out South Bank been properly rebuilt. There's a real buzz in London about our



A typical day can be spent sifting through the tides of history both on and just beyond London's South Bank. **RICK STEVES' EUROPE**

South Bank."

Then, saying, "The tide is low only for a couple hours a day ... and this is perfect," he surprises me by climbing down the embankment's slippery-with-seaweed steps to a pebbly beach. Exploring the pebbly beach takes you away from the urban bustle and into a calm and peaceful environment.

Most don't realize that the Thames is a tidal river. With each tide going out and coming back, the Thames replenishes beaches like these with historic wonders.

In Victorian times (and even before), poor scavengers would "mudlark," as this muddy treasure hunt was called, for anything

they could sell. Today, mudlarking is a pastime for English beachcombers who see the Thames as an ever-changing archaeological site, with little treasures dating as far back as ancient Roman times awaiting discovery.

It's low tide, and the beach is literally littered with history. Picking up a chunky piece of 500-year-old roof tile worn oval by the centuries, with its tell-tale peg hole still clearly visible, David explains that these red clay tiles were heavy, requiring large timbers for support.

In the 16th century, when large timbers were required for shipbuilding for the Royal Navy, lighter slate tiles became the preferred

roofing material. Over time, the heavy, red-clay tiles migrated from the rooftops to the riverbank ... and into the pockets of beachcombers like us.

Like kids on a scavenger hunt, we study the pebbles. David picks up a chalky white tube. It's the fragile stem of an 18th-century clay pipe. Back then, tobacco was sold with disposable one-use pipes, so used pipes were routinely tossed into the river. David lets it fall from his fingers. Thinking, "King George may have sucked on this," I pick it up.

Climbing back to street level, David continues our walk as if our beachcombing were just a warm-up, and we prow through the

fascinating relics of the South Bank neighborhood that survived both German bombs and urban renewal.

Scaling steep stairs into the attic of St. Thomas' Church, we visit the Operating Theatre Museum, a crude surgical theater where amputations were performed in the early 1800s as medical students watched and learned.

Down the street, we wander through the still-bustling Borough Market to see farmers doing business with city shopkeepers.

Walking through this area puts us in a time warp. David leads us into a quiet courtyard, where we look up at three sets of balconies climbing the front of an inn.

He explains, "Coaching-inn courtyards like this provided struggling theater troupes — like young William Shakespeare's — with a captive audience."

A typical day in London can be spent at the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, or the British Museum.

But it can also be spent sifting through the tides of history both on and just beyond London's South Bank.

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CELEB TRAVELER

Siegel misses traveling for work

By Jae-Ha Kim
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"One of the best parts of my job is all the places I get to visit," said "Midnight Mass" and "Hypnotic" actress Kate Siegel. "In the last decade, I've filmed in Panama, Hawaii, Atlanta, Vancouver and New York City. I'm really racking up those airline miles." Based out of Los Angeles, Siegel currently is working on the HBO series, "The Time Traveler's Wife." Fans may follow her on Instagram @katesiegelofficial and Twitter @k8siegel.

Q: How have you been spending your free time during this pandemic?

A: My pandemic experience was unique, since I've spent most of it working in Vancouver with my family. We were days away from starting production on "Midnight Mass" when the borders closed in March of 2020, and we settled back into our LA home for about 100 days until Canada was letting people with work permits travel again. Since June of 2020, I've gotten to explore so much of what western Canada has to offer — mini road trips to Whistler and Lion's Bay, as well as Grouse Mountain. There are so many beautiful outdoor places to enjoy with my kids in this area. The pandemic has me staying generally close to home and outdoors these days. We used to enjoy far-off travel, but I don't miss the long plane rides with young children.

Q: You studied in London when you trained with Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.



"Midnight Mass" actress Kate Siegel said Vancouver is one of her favorite places to visit. **ELISABETH CAREN**

How was that experience?

A: Syracuse University has a wonderful semester abroad program that I took part in during my junior year. Living in London with a group of my closest friends remains one of my most cherished life experiences. We studied classical acting at the Globe Theatre, saw performances all over the West End and spent our weekends visiting neighboring countries using our Eurail pass. It was a dream.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: Big Sur is one of the most spectacular places on the planet. And one of the best parts of visiting is that you can experience the best parts of Big Sur on any budget. There are gorgeous campsites and one of my favorite hotels, Post Ranch Inn. Be sure to have lunch at Nepenthe and browse the gift shop there. Then head to Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park for a quick walk to an iconic Big Sur waterfall view.

Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?

A: My family traveled

every year to the great American West, as my mom called it. We explored Moab, Utah, Yellowstone National Park, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and many more. I remember it fondly now, but as a child I was very grumpy about all the hiking and driving.

Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?

A: It's no secret that travel broadens the mind, but I don't think you can really grasp that until you've left your home bubble and seen how other people live. I traveled a lot as a child, and the love of travel has stayed with me as an adult. Experiencing other cultures, other languages and meeting other people creates a compassion for humanity.

Q: Where would you like to go that you have never been to before?

A: I still have Seoul and Tokyo on my bucket list. And I'm hoping to spend some time in South America soon. I'm desperate to get to Brazil and Argentina.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Refund process for canceled Hawaii vacation goes awry

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate

Q: I booked a family trip to Hawaii for May 2020. Then COVID-19 shut everything down. Everyone refunded my money fully except Hotels.com, which issued vouchers for the three rooms I had booked. The vouchers expired before Hawaii even reopened. Then I received an email that they were extending the vouchers to this December. Hawaii didn't reopen fully until the end of July. I can't get to Hawaii before December because some of my children are in college. I never agreed to a voucher, and I didn't cancel my trip by choice. I have spoken to the customer service reps at both Hotels.com and Expedia (which owns Hotels.com), who say the hotel denied my request for a refund because of the hotel's policy. The hotel claims that its policy is to fully refund customers in this situation. I investigated, and it turns out that the hotel never even received the money from Hotels.com. It only gets the money the day before I check in. Hotels.com had my money. I feel that Hotels.com has stolen my money. Can you help me get my \$4,000 back?

— Beth Tananbaum, Plantsville, Connecticut

A: You booked a non-refundable reservation at the Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort (great hotel, by the way). Nonrefundable means that you can't get your money back if you cancel your travel plans. But if the hotel cancels your reservation, you definitely are entitled to a refund.

You forwarded your paper trail between you, the hotel and Hotels.com. It looks like you contacted a revenue manager at the Outrigger, who opened a case with Expedia. As a result of that investigation, Expedia promised to issue a full refund within 7 to 10 days. But you never received the money.

Hawaii closed to tourism during the early days of the pandemic. Most hotels canceled their bookings and issued refunds. So something went awry with

your canceled vacation. I think Expedia's promise to refund the money makes this an open-and-shut case. If you run into a problem like this in the future, you can always reach out to an executive at Expedia or Hotels.com. I publish the names, numbers and email address of the Expedia and Hotels.com customer service contacts on my consumer advocacy site at elliott.org/company-contacts/expedia.

I think contacting the Outrigger's revenue manager was an excellent idea, because it led to opening a case with Expedia. You also kept a meticulous paper trail and all of your receipts and records. Hotels.com claimed that Outrigger denied your claim because it's against the hotel's policy to refund a nonrefundable room. However, an Outrigger

representative said the hotel did refund all hotel guests.

It's obvious that your case had been taken over by some kind of automated system that sent you vouchers you couldn't possibly use. That's all the more reason to try to reach a human at Hotels.com or Expedia.

I reached out to Expedia on your behalf. Separately, you also reached out to the Expedia executives. The company reviewed your case and issued a refund.

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CELEBRITIES

Elwes reclaims his rom-com crown

By Peter Sblendorio
New York Daily News

Decades after he was crowned rom-com royalty for “The Princess Bride,” Cary Elwes fell in love with the genre all over again with his new movie.

The English actor stars in Netflix’s “A Castle for Christmas,” and though it might seem inconceivable, the film is Elwes’ first romantic comedy since he portrayed the heroic Westley in “The Princess Bride” in 1987.

“I avoided picking that genre simply because that film had pretty much covered that for me, and I didn’t feel like I wanted to try and compete with it,” Elwes said. “But here I am, some 30 years later, and I couldn’t pass up the opportunity of doing this one. Firstly, because the role was so interesting to me, to play someone so totally different.”

“A Castle for Christmas,” which is now streaming, stars Elwes as Scottish duke Myles, who operates a scenic estate and largely isolates himself from the outside world. His life is flipped upside down when he meets Brooke Shields’ Sophie Brown, a popular American author who retreats to Scotland after upsetting her rabid readers by killing off a fan-favorite character.

“Myles has run through all the money, and now he’s looking to sell his castle. The buyer who shows up is this character played by Brooke who is the complete antithesis to Myles,” Elwes, 59, said.

“She’s an extrovert, and she’s filled with joie de vivre, which he’s certainly not, and she really rubs him the wrong way, so there’s great elements of comedy there. They’re very much oil and water, the two of them.”

The actors shot scenes at the real Dalmeny Castle in South Queensferry,



Actor Cary Elwes stars as Scottish duke Myles in Netflix’s “A Castle for Christmas.” JON KOPALOFF/GETTY 2020

Scotland. Elwes, who has Scottish roots on his mother’s side, says getting the chance to connect with his heritage was part of why he wanted to make the movie, as was working with Shields.

In the years between his rom-com roles, Elwes starred in adventure films such as “Robin Hood: Men in Tights” and “The Jungle Book,” portrayed Dr. Lawrence Gordon in the “Saw” horror flicks, and played recurring characters on TV series “Stranger Things” and “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel.”

He’s also set to appear in the Guy Ritchie-directed spy movie “Operation Fortune: Ruse de guerre” and the Tom Cruise-led “Mission Impossible 7,” both due out next year.

“If I’m afraid of the role, that’s usually a good motivator for me,” Elwes said. “If it’s something I’m not sure I can do, and yet the director somehow sees

there’s something in me that can deliver something, that’s usually a good motivator for me. I rush toward the things I’m afraid of.”

Elwes said he “didn’t realize how much” he missed starring in romantic comedies until he worked on “A Castle for Christmas.”

“It’s a film about love,” Elwes said. “It’s a film about family. It’s a film about friends. I think, between those three things, they hit the most important notes of the holiday season.”

Dec. 12 birthdays: TV host Bob Barker is 98. Singer Connie Francis is 84. Singer Dionne Warwick is 81. Actor Bill Nighy is 72. Actor Duane Chase is 71. Actor Cathy Rigby is 69. Percussionist Sheila E. is 64. Actor Jennifer Connelly is 51. Actor Regina Hall is 51. Actor Mayim Bialik is 46. Actor Lucas Hedges is 25.



ASK AMY

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Spouse feels left out of in-law’s bequest

Dear Amy: My husband died young. He was one of three siblings.

I made sure to visit and call my late husband’s parents regularly. I consider them family. My own father died when I was young, so my father-in-law was my “Pop-pop.”

My mother-in-law died six years ago, but my father-in-law and I continued to call each other on Sundays.

My adult children also kept in touch with him.

Sadly, my father-in-law, well into his 90s, died recently.

His eldest child was the executor and said that his dad had recently changed his will, giving one third of his estate to each of his two remaining children and then dividing the remaining third among all of the grandchildren (there are seven, two of them are my children).

I didn’t expect to receive anything from the estate, although a note acknowledging our relationship sure would have meant a lot.

My father-in-law had every right to determine how to bequeath his money, but I am still having trouble with how this played out.

I feel as though my husband’s life was erased from the story and that my kids ended up being punished (again) by their dad’s early death.

I want to make sure my daughter-in-law and son-in-law feel valued when I die.

My current will divides my estate between my two children. Is there something more I should do to ensure my son-in-law and daughter-in-law know

how much I loved and valued both of them?

What would be a good way to acknowledge that I appreciate them? Should I write those notes now?

— Upset

Dear Upset: It would have been judicious for your father-in-law to divide his estate into three equal sibling portions, with your late husband’s portion given to your children, but he didn’t do that. He cut out your husband and descendants, but you seem to be reacting mainly to the fact that you feel cut out.

Yes, a note to be passed along to you would have been thoughtful, but if you’d received it, you might have felt: “My late husband was ignored, and all I got was a note!”

My point is that the reward you received — the legacy — was in the relationship itself. It was gracious for you to keep in such close touch with your late husband’s folks.

Let your own kids’ spouses know that you treasure their relationship.

Write these notes now — and send them now! Leave these in-laws something special in your will.

Dear Amy: I’ve become friendly with a married couple (both women) who recently started attending our Protestant church. They chose our church because of its progressive and inclusive attitude toward LGBTQ people.

This couple has decided to spearhead a Christmas campaign asking fellow congregants to donate gifts through a national charity run by an evangelist whose anti-gay stance is common knowledge.

Members of our church have participated in this for several years, but I decided (quietly) that I would direct my Christmas charity elsewhere and choose not to donate.

This is the first year that the campaign has been led by a gay couple, and I wonder if they realize that the leader of the national charity believes that gay people are “godless sinners.”

Should I tell them?

— Torn

Dear Torn: You’ve been a quiet witness to this annual appeal.

You should not expect a gay couple to care more about this than you do.

If you don’t believe that your particular congregation should endorse and participate in this campaign because of the discriminatory beliefs of its founder, you should take your concerns to your church’s governing body, not to these individuals.

Dear Amy: You ran a question from and overwhelmed preacher’s daughter, including an elaborate answer from a pastor on how to frame her choice to pull back from church activities.

This bothered me! She should tell her father the truth, not develop a fanciful explanation for the fact that she is exhausted and needs to stop!

— A Preacher’s Kid

Dear Preacher’s Kid: Well said. Thank you.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Watch where you’re going today, because it’ll be easy to get lost along the way. Set out on the path of adventure and see the world with fresh eyes. It’s alright if you make a few missteps. Just try not to go too far down any paths.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You might want to keep your cards close to your chest today, or you may choose to lay them all out on the table. A strange friendship is going to have you bouncing back and forth between these two options, and trying to find a place to land won’t be easy. Try to avoid any social situations.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You’re probably quite ready to enjoy yourself with a special companion today, but something else is liable to pop up and throw everything for a loop. Even if you have the day off, some kind of work might require your attention. Progress in either area might not be attainable.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): It’s a good day to organize your life for the week ahead. You might have to try especially hard to stay on task, though, because it’ll be all too easy for you to lose focus and waste hours daydreaming. If you wander too far, you could feel quite unprepared by the end of the day.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Make a point to enjoy yourself as much as you possibly can today. Just keep in mind that you might feel something nagging at the back of your mind, even if you can’t figure out what it is. Still, don’t let strange thoughts get in the way of an otherwise lovely day.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone could say something today that leaves you conflicted. Someone you’re close with might be able to push your buttons whether you like it or not. If this person sincerely wants to help, then their clumsy approach is forgivable. If they aren’t doing it in good spirit, you might need to block them out.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It’s a lovely day to do as you please, catching up with friends and socializing in a way that only a Libra can. While you’re so busy touching base, however, your work is going to be demanding attention. Is there something you forgot to do? Make sure you aren’t slipping.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Financial matters may be weighing on your mind, making the days activities feel rather mundane. You might be tempted to splurge, but you would be wise to hold off. Instant gratification will be tough to turn down, but something better could come along.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone has pulled the rug out from under you. There’s a lot of focus on you. It’s nearly impossible to see things for what they truly are. You could feel like nothing makes sense today and that everything that was solid is now up in the air, but just hold tight.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Trying to understand others could feel like you’re translating an alien language today. It can be incredibly difficult to get down to the matter at hand. Beating around the bush is probably the best you can do for now. You’ll have more success once these bizarre vibrations die down.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You tend to be generous by nature, but that impulse could wind up backfiring in your direction. There’s a fog hanging over your finances, making it easy to think you can spend a certain amount, only to turn around and realize you would have been wiser to keep your wallet shut.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): There’s no point in rushing anywhere today. Considering it’s the weekend, you might be in the mood to just go with the flow, but someone else might try to push you to do something you’re really not up for. There’s no need to sacrifice your relaxation just to please someone else.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Dec. 12, 1870, Joseph H. Rainey of South Carolina became the first Black lawmaker sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1906, President Theo-

dore Roosevelt nominated Oscar Straus to be Secretary of Commerce and Labor; Straus became the first Jewish Cabinet member.

In 1913, authorities in Florence, Italy, announced that the “Mona Lisa,” stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris in 1911, had been recovered.

In 1915, singer-actor Frank

Sinatra was born in Hoboken, New Jersey.

In 1917, Father Edward Flanagan founded Boys Town outside Omaha, Nebraska.

In 1995, by three votes, the Senate killed a constitutional amendment giving Congress authority to outlaw flag burning and other forms of desecration against Old Glory.

LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

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SINFUL VACANT
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42. FedEx rival
44. Like one caught in a storm?
45. Brown in a Croce song
46. Opines, for instance
49. Beehive, e.g.
50. Peak in an Eastwood movie
51. Fight with foils
54. Coming-out
57. Lawn tool
61. Commonly injured knee part, briefly
62. Trouble
65. Where embryos grow
66. Annual coll. hoops competition
68. Dried chili pepper
70. Budgetary excess
71. Family-friendly rating
72. __ cuisine
73. Dimethyl sulfate, e.g.
74. "Politically Incorrect" host
75. Virile
78. Throws off
79. Technical details
80. New Age pianist John
82. Walking __
83. Heat meas.
84. Talk show host in the National Women's Hall of Fame
85. Metric weight
86. Bankrupts, with "out"
89. Spruce up
91. Magic org.
95. Rock's __ Fighters
96. Old Opry network
97. More crude, language-wise
100. Stable color
103. Rigg co-star on "The Avengers"
105. Long hikes
106. Muesli morsel
109. Longtime NYC punk rock club
110. Sub
111. "If __ a Hammer"
113. The "Gee" in Bee Gees
114. Water, in some pistols
116. Purina rival
117. Goat quote
118. Table scrap
120. Sleepy cohort?
121. Ref's ruling
122. Slop slurper
123. Fleecy one
124. Ukr., once

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

MY PET WORLD

How to condition your dog to wear a winter sweater

By **Cathy M. Rosenthal**
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Cathy: My sister and I have a 10-year-old Maltese/Bichon mix male dog. He gets groomed fairly short, partly for health issues. As he gets older, he gets colder. He refuses to let us put a sweater on him even though he shivers. We recently purchased a nice warm sweater with Velcro along the entire belly, and large front paw openings, but we still can't get it on him without getting bitten. Help!
— Marcia, Tolland, Connecticut

Dear Marcia: My normal response would be don't force clothing on your dog if he doesn't like it. But I understand your desire to keep him warm during the winter, so here are some ways to condition him to accept the sweater.

First, get him used to seeing the sweater and not freaking out. Carry the sweater around the house for a few days. If you constantly have the sweater with you and you don't try to put it on him, he will start to get more comfortable around it. Praise and give him treats throughout the day for his nonreaction to it. A few days later, ask him to sit (praise and treat), and then show him the sweater (praise and treat) and talk about it in a sweet tone. Do not put it in front of his face; hold it over his head, lowering it into view over several sessions. Praise and treat him for not running away from it.

Second, get him used to feeling the sweater on his fur/skin. Gently rub the sweater on his fur while you brush him. You also can place the sweater near his favorite sleeping place to see if he will nap on it or you can cover him with it when he is on your lap. Always praise and treat for positive behaviors.

Finally, after about two



Don't force clothing on your dog if he doesn't like it. **DAMEDEESO/DREAMSTIME**

(give or take a week, as necessary), it's time to try to put the sweater on him. One of you needs to talk happily to him and feed him some extra special high-value treats, while the other puts his leg in the opening of the sweater, then removes it quickly before he has realized what's happened. Keep doing this several times for several sessions until you can get both legs in each opening without much effort. Once you get to that point, you can try to put the sweater on him again. If he tolerates it, snap on a leash to his collar and take him for a walk. Once the

sweater is on him and he is moving, he will be able to better ignore it. Spraying the sweater with canine pheromones anytime during the process may help relax him and move the process along more quickly.

If he doesn't accept the sweater, it's not a failure on your part. Some dogs just don't like clothing. But with some conditioning, maybe your guy will learn the sweater is nothing to be scared of.

Dear Cathy: I read your column about the cats fighting. It is just the issue we are having with two cats

who lived together a long time and now are fighting. We have split them for now. The older cat is almost content to be away from the younger cat. I will try the pheromone diffusers but I am scared about the collars. Is there any pheromone breakaway collar?
— Laurie, Las Vegas

Dear Laurie: If longtime cat companions suddenly start fighting, there could be a health-related issue with one of the cats, most likely with the older one. I recommend getting them both checked out by a vet to rule out health problems.

Cats are very territorial

and sometimes disputes happen with cats who have known each other for a while. Make sure there are litter boxes for each cat, plus one additional one, and feed them in separate locations. This will help them map out their territory. It's not uncommon for one cat to live upstairs and another downstairs or for one to have a particular side of the house they prefer, etc.

Separating them helps when there's been a spat, but don't wait too long to implement a reintroduction phase after tempers settle down.

As for the collars, I don't

know of any breakaway pheromone collars, so use the feline pheromone spray, which you can spray on the cats, people in your home and furniture. Or use the plug-in diffuser in the rooms where they spend the most time in. The pheromones might help take the edge off and make them more agreeable in general.

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Ignore the 'no gifts' request, but don't bring it to the party



Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: A former teacher of mine, a beloved figure in the community, is being given a surprise retirement party by his students, colleagues and friends. The hush-hush invitations read sternly, "PLEASE, NO GIFTS! A money tree will be provided!"

The rationale is that given his modest salary, he will need the money to help him retire, rather than the "clutter" of presents.

I very much want to attend and honor this man; however, I am bothered by a dictate that shuns individual gifts for a crass financial payout. Also, I can hardly believe that he would sanction this, particularly as he taught us that money should never be a motivating factor in our lives.

Would it be rude of me to forgo the request for a financial contribution and bring an actual gift to the party, along with my sincerest wishes for a happy and healthy retirement? Incidentally, his contributions to my life have been priceless.

Gentle reader: It perplexes Miss Manners when hosts neglect core duties — providing the food and drink is a common one — only to assume others: in this case, bullying the guests about a gesture that should be both personal and optional. Just stop it.

When it happens anyway, you are free to thank your host and say that you have already taken care of getting him a present. But better to put the gift in the mail than to draw attention by bringing

it with you to the party.

Dear Miss Manners: I had a group of co-workers over for dinner and one of the women brought a delicious chocolate cake for dessert. As we were finishing dessert, a neighbor dropped over.

She sat down at the dinner table and I poured her a glass of wine. She reached over and took a piece of candy that was sitting on top of the cake — and I was OK with that, as her fingers only touched what she was eating. Then she took some frosting off the cake with her finger. I think she saw my eyebrow raise, as she then went and got a spoon.

Knowing she can't eat gluten, I did not offer her a piece of cake, but she kept using the spoon to eat the frosting. You get the picture: Spoon in the frosting, spoon in the mouth. Spoon in the frosting, spoon in the mouth. She ate almost all the frosting off of the remaining half of the cake.

I ended up throwing away the rest of the cake, as I didn't want anyone catching a cold if she had one, and who wants cake with just a little frosting?

I know what she did was wrong. What I don't know is how I could have politely said to stop.

I didn't want to make a scene and embarrass her. My other guests were silent, but I think they were as puzzled as I was. How do you stop that behavior politely?

Gentle reader: Some problems — like avoiding oncoming trains — can best be solved with quick, decisive action. Smile; say, "The frosting really is delicious, isn't it?" and follow it with "Let me help you with that."

Then take the cake away. In the kitchen, cut off as much frosting as you can

spare, put it on a separate plate, and set the plate before your unsanitary guest. (The cake itself can be left in the kitchen or moved to a more distant part of the table.)

This will allow you to save some of the cake while appearing to be the good host/hostess. And as an added bonus, Miss Manners assures you of the admiration of your other guests, who were no doubt feeling the same revulsion as yourself.

Dear Miss Manners: I am a student living on campus. When I am having a conversation with someone and an acquaintance walks by, I usually wave or smile at the other person; this seems preferable to pretending not to see someone.

However, when I was speaking to a friend the other day, and she waved to someone else, I felt that she wasn't listening to what I was saying.

What is the correct way to respond? If we were on the street, the unlikelihood of running into an acquaintance would, I think, make acknowledgment proper, but on a campus, it's likely that we would see each other again very soon.

Gentle reader: A very modest addition to your usual behavior will solve the problem: A quick "Sorry" when you turn back to the speaker should be sufficient to acknowledge that no rudeness was intended to anyone. Miss Manners prefers this to the other option: pretending not to notice the world around you.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

Underwear that may help prevent visible panty lines



Ellen Warren
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: As I've gotten older and flabbier, I'm finding that when I wear pull-on pants, leggings, jeggings, jeans, etc., you can see the lines from my underwear. Spanx work somewhat, but you can still see the line. Is there something you or your readers can recommend?
— Barbara H.

Dear Barbara: Ahh, the annoying VPL! That's "Visible Panty Line," and it is an issue no matter how old or young, flabby or fit you are. The tighter the clothing, the more likely you are to have this problem.

(Can I take just a minute to whine about the word "panties" — used much more often by men, most of whom do not wear panties and probably don't understand it's a cringey term? As my friend and former Chicago Tribune colleague Louise Kiernan wrote long ago, " 'Panties' just sounds salacious. Panties are lacy, filmy, schoolgirl naughty. 'Underwear' is a neutral term.")

Barbara, what you need is seamless underwear — and there are many brands and styles to choose from. **Byrdie.com** lists two dozen "Best Seamless Underwear That Feel Like Second Skin." Here are the top choices:

- Best Overall: Calvin Klein Women's Invisibles Hipster (calvinklein.us, on sale, \$10.50)
- Best Overall Runner-Up: Seamless Universal (yourparade.com, \$8 and up)
- Best Budget: Fruit of the Loom Women's Seamless Panties (amazon.com,



The tighter the clothing, the more likely you are to have the ever-annoying VPL (visible panty line). **DREAMSTIME**

drawstrings while wearing them, the strings often are made of slippery material and I constantly have to retie them. Or, I double-knot them and then when I go to the restroom, it's "OMG, I'm stuck in my pants!"
— Sandi C.

Dear Sandi: The solution is a bit of plastic called a drawstring toggle, aka cord lock, spring toggle or stopper. They come in one- or two-hole options and can be used on an array of garments like the drawstrings on hoodies and coat hoods and shoestrings. And they are low-cost. Amazon.com sells 100 of them for under \$10, or pick them up at fabric and sewing stores for minimal cost.

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangelellen@gmail.com.

Doctor gives boost to minorities in medicine

Program for students aims to address lack of provider diversity

By Margo Snipe
Tampa Bay Times

TAMPA, Fla. — Dexter Frederick stood inside an administrative office at Tampa's Grace Community Health Center recently, a poster of the periodic table of elements hovering above his shoulders.

Morgan Butts, a University of South Florida doctorate student, stood in the doorway with a clipboard in hand.

"How many days do you want to treat it?" asked Frederick, who has been a doctor for more than 20 years. "Let's go with 10."

Together, they rattled off a list of prescriptions.

"How many milligrams?" Butts asked.

"0.4," Frederick replied. The patient will need 34 tablets to get him through the treatment. If the fever increases or the pain gets worse, they discuss, he'll need to go to the emergency room.

"Any questions?"

"I don't think so."

Every day, Frederick, 51, gives his students doses of real-world medical experience, gentle nudges and assertive guidance mixed with opportunities to find the answers themselves.

Since 2004, he has been supporting minority students who dream of becoming doctors through a program he founded called Brain Expansions Scholastic Training, or B.E.S.T.

In 17 years, the Tampa program has supported around 3,000 students and provided more than \$20,000 in scholarships, according to its website.

He was recently recognized as a 2022 AARP Purpose Prize fellow, an award that honors people older than 50 who are using their knowledge to address



Dr. Dexter Frederick speaks with doctoral student Morgan Butts on Nov. 10 in Tampa Bay, Florida. **IVY CEBALLO/TAMPA BAY TIMES**

social issues. It includes \$10,000 to further his organization's mission as well as a year of technical support to broaden the scope of the work.

Brain Expansions Scholastic Training aims to address the lack of diversity among health care providers by inspiring and educating youth in under-represented groups with a passion for medicine.

For the students, the intangible boosts in confidence and sense of community within the program have made their dreams feel achievable.

"My vision is that my presence as an African American physician will be triple, quadruple fold," he said, "where millions of patients throughout the U.S., especially Tampa, will have a better, healthier life — reducing disparities, increasing trust."

In seventh grade, intense knee pain landed Frederick in the emergency room. There, he began to admire how the Black male physician who took care of him looked at X-ray film and reassured him he'd eventually recover.

Frederick had Osgood-Schlatter disease, which causes knee pain among growing children and adolescents. A cast was bound to his leg from his hip to his ankle for weeks.

"From that point, I loved to study the bones," he said. After his first job inside a hospital in ninth grade, he'd spend every summer there. He left high school able to name every bone in the body.

As he pursued medical school, Frederick uncovered his love for internal medicine and pediatrics. As a scholar with the National Health Service

Corps, which offers students financial support in exchange for service in communities of need, he came to East Tampa after school.

"I got to see patients who did not fill their meds because they had to pay their rent or kids who did not come in for breathing treatment because of lack of transportation," he said.

That's when he began to realize the importance of patients having the option to see physicians from similar racial and cultural backgrounds.

"Sometimes if you don't have a physician that looks like you, talks like you, understands the culture," he said, "there's some distrust, sometimes there's a delay in treatment."

One goal for the Brain Expansions Scholastic Training program is to develop students who enter

medicine with an understanding of social determinants of health, or how factors like housing, food availability, public safety and education that impact quality of life.

"The idea is that they will be more compassionate, more culturally competent," Frederick said.

According to the most recent statistics from the Association of American Medical Colleges, only 5% of practicing physicians are Black and 6% are Hispanic. More than half are white, the 2018 data shows. Only 36% of physicians are female.

Frederick hopes his program is chipping away at the lack of representation by offering students images of people who look like them practicing in their desired specialty while also offering them a concrete pathway through real-

world training.

For many minority students, the medical school entrance exam is a stopping point, Frederick said.

"Some African American students may take it once and give up," he said. "Why? Because they don't have that mentor to say go for it or they don't have the financial support to take test prep or there's another major that's treating them better or giving them more opportunities."

His program and mentorship aim to reverse that: "We need to demystify what it means to become a doctor."

Lavette Jones, 17, has wanted to become a doctor since she was a little girl.

"I want to become a surgeon, but how is it going to happen?" she wondered. "I've never even seen anyone like me in the field."

That changed when she joined the Brain Expansions Scholastic Training program where she started seeing Black medical professionals.

Still, she's intimidated about entering a white male-dominated field. Being looked down upon not only because she's a woman but also because she's Black fuels doubts.

"I'm doubting myself already, and I haven't even started," said Jones. "The pressure is so great to become what I've always wanted to be."

She recalls meeting a girl who said she wanted to be a physician's assistant, but after talking more, Jones realized the girl really aspired to be a medical doctor but was discouraged by the time it would take to secure a degree. Then, she had a meeting with Frederick to discuss her options.

Although Frederick may not change every student's mind, he sees those conversations as opportunities to brainstorm solutions to roadblocks, particularly for students of color.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

How does eating walnuts affect thyroid medication?

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.
King Features Syndicate

Q: How do walnuts affect people who have to take thyroid medication? My pill bottle comes with a warning that walnuts can interfere with the desired medical benefits of levothyroxine. If I eat walnuts several hours after taking my thyroid med, will that solve the problem?

A: We searched the medical literature for an answer to your question. It is surprisingly murky. The maker of brand name Synthroid (levothyroxine) cautions that "certain foods and supplements can interfere with Synthroid. Foods containing soy and cottonseed meal can make Synthroid less effective. Walnuts, grapefruit juice, and dietary fiber can also make Synthroid less effective. If you eat any of these on a regular basis, check with your doctor. He or she may need to adjust your dose of Synthroid."

That seems clear-cut, but the research supporting this statement is a bit confusing. We could not confirm that walnuts reduce levothyroxine absorption. If, instead, they interfere with thyroid function, eating them at a different time would not solve the problem.

Q: Long ago, I would go through several boxes of bandages every winter to help me deal with painful cracked fingertips. A few years ago, my doctor recommended a hot wax spa for arthritis in my fingers. I try to use it twice a day, since the relief is great but not long-lasting. Because of the oil in the wax, I no longer have to deal with



Eating walnuts can make levothyroxine, better known as Synthroid, a less effective medication. **DREAMSTIME**

cracked fingertips.

A: That is an unusual solution for cracked fingertips. However, it makes sense. The hot wax spa uses liquid paraffin to soften skin on the hands. Soothing sore joints is another use. Winter is especially hard on the skin of the hands because we wash our hands so often. Without heavy-duty moisturizer, skin on the fingertips can dry out and split.

Some readers have found that barnyard beauty aids such as Udder Cream or Bag Balm are effective. A & D Ointment and Vaseline also work well, although they are quite greasy. Many people get relief by rubbing lip balm into the cracks. Others recommend manuka honey applied under a bandage. Instant glue or liquid bandage can also be used to seal the split quickly.

Q: What can you tell me about the natural product berberine? One friend takes it to ward off a recurrence of his prostate cancer. Is there anything to this?

A: There is actually science to support the anti-tumor activity of berberine

(Frontiers in Pharmacology, Feb. 14, 2019). It is an active ingredient in several plants used in traditional Chinese medicine. Berberine has antibacterial, anti-inflammatory and antidiarrheal activity.

One reader shared this testimonial: "I was having terrible diarrhea every morning. None of the medications my gastro doctor prescribed worked, except for a pricey antibiotic. "Then I noticed a section on diarrhea in one of your books. It mentioned berberine, a 3,000-year-old medicine. I started taking one 500 mg capsule in the evening and it has stopped my diarrhea almost every day for three months. If I have a little diarrhea, I take a second capsule in the morning and my diarrhea is gone."

Anyone planning to take berberine should check with their physician. Excess amounts of this compound can cause, rather than calm, diarrhea and may lead to kidney inflammation.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Q&A

Nonstatin drugs available that may lower cholesterol

Mayo Clinic

Q: I have high cholesterol, but I can't take statin drugs. Are there any new medications that I should consider?

A: Cholesterol is a waxy substance that's found in the fats in your blood. When you have too much cholesterol, you can develop fatty deposits, or lipids, in your blood vessels that can make it difficult for blood to flow through your arteries. An estimated 29 million adults in the U.S. have high cholesterol.

While medications known as statins are common for people with high cholesterol, many people find they cannot tolerate statins, so don't feel like you are alone. The good news is that there are several alternatives to statins that may lower your blood lipids.

Ezetimibe is an oral agent that has been approved in the U.S. for many years. It can lower low-density lipoprotein, which is known as LDL or "bad" cholesterol. It is taken once daily with or without food. Although not relevant in your case, Ezetimibe also has been shown to reduce the risk of recurrent heart attack, stroke or death from heart disease when added to a statin drug in patients who have suffered a recent acute coronary syndrome.

Ezetimibe works by blocking certain receptors in the intestine where cholesterol is absorbed. It lowers the cholesterol content in the liver, which prompts the liver to remove cholesterol from the bloodstream to reestablish its own stores of cholesterol. As a result, the LDL value is lowered, typically 15% to 25%. It is well-tolerated and has few side effects like muscle



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aches and pains.

Recently, the Food and Drug Administration approved a second nonstatin, bempedoic acid, to lower LDL and overall cholesterol. Bempedoic acid is an oral agent taken once daily with or without food. It works by blocking the synthesis pathways that allow cholesterol to develop but at a different point in the process than statins. Bempedoic acid has been shown to lower LDL about 15% in patients studied in clinical trials. The drug is approved only for patients with a family history of high cholesterol or who have established atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease that requires LDL to be lower.

There are also therapies that can be administered as injections instead of requiring daily oral administration as pills. These agents alter a protein — PCSK 9 — that interacts with the LDL receptor on the surface of the liver.

Two additional options — evolocumab and alirocumab — are available for patients who have a family history of high cholesterol or existing atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease that requires LDL to be lower. These medications are injected, typically once every two weeks, although one can be infused subcutaneously monthly, if

desired. These therapies are monoclonal antibodies — man-made proteins that are similar to the PCSK 9 protein — and they basically bind the protein so that it is not allowed to interact with LDL. This dramatically lowers LDL values, typically greater than 50% from baseline. These therapies have been shown to be well-tolerated and have few side effects.

The FDA is reviewing a third therapy that may offer benefit if approved. It would be available via injection every six months and would be part of a new class of medications known as RNA silencing agents.

Schedule time with your health care provider to discuss your concerns and share the side effects that were most bothersome to you while using statins. Ask about the best available options to treat your cholesterol beyond statin agents. Together, you should be able to select a therapy that is acceptable to you both.

— R. Scott Wright, M.D., *Cardiovascular Disease, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota*

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After all these years, Brooks is still riffing on all matters

Comedian’s memoir is ray of laughter

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Leave it to Mel Brooks to blurb his own memoir.

There, along with laudatory quotes from Billy Crystal, Norman Lear, Conan O’Brien and others is one from “M. Brooks,” who hails “All About Me!” as: “Not since the Bible have I read anything so powerful and poignant. And to boot — it’s a lot funnier!”

“All About Me!” is indeed chock full of stories, anecdotes and memories from a comedy master of biblical proportions. Brooks, 95, spent much of the pandemic working on the book — a year of remembering everything from getting hit by a Tin Lizzie as an 8-year-old in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, to writing the musical version of “The Producers” with Tom Meehan at Madame Romaine de Lyon in Manhattan over omelets.

“Like everybody else, I’ve been mostly stuck at home and fed up with the same diet of information and food,” Brooks says. “Thank God I could let my mind roam free to remember.”

For the first time, Brooks has put down on paper all of his tales, from growing up in Depression-era Williamsburg (“I loved the Depression!” he says cheerfully), serving in the Army during WWII, starting out in the Borscht Belt, writing on Sid Caesar’s “Show of Shows,” launching his 2000 Year Old Man schtick with Carl Reiner, coming up

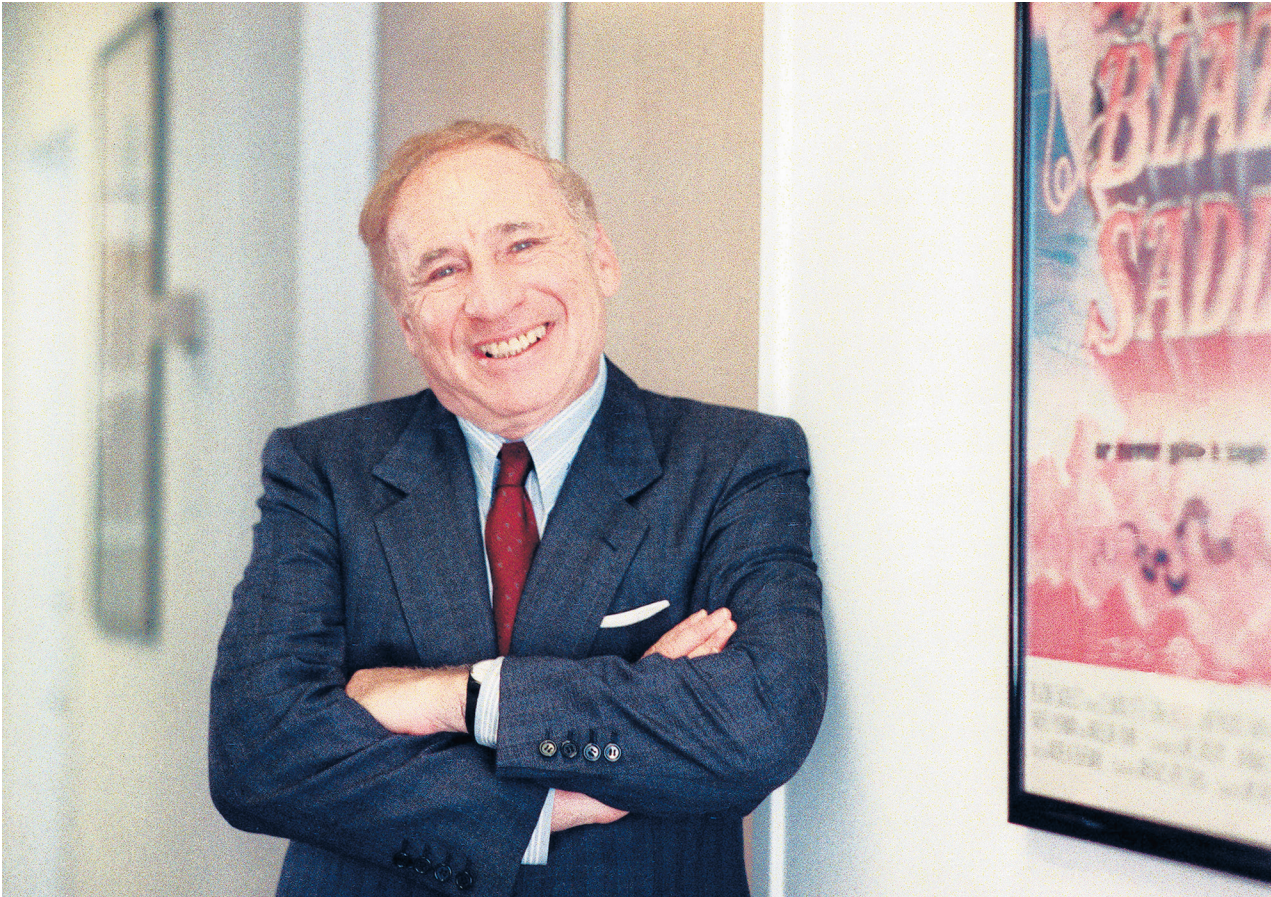
with possibly the greatest comic conceit of all time (“The Producers”) and crafting the films “Blazing Saddles” and “Young Frankenstein,” among others.

There are tender chapters on his wife, Anne Bancroft, who died in 2005, and Reiner, who died last year.

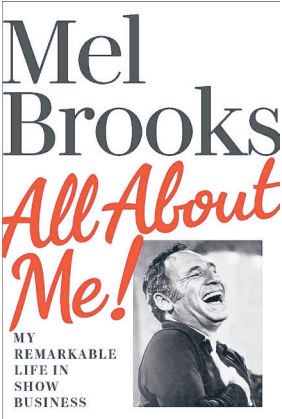
In a long and lively phone interview from his home in Los Angeles, Brooks reflected on the book and his life in show business — “the grandest adventure any human being could ever take,” he said.

Q: The section on your childhood in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, is especially vividly and fondly recalled. You write that while many think a life in comedy springs from pain and a difficult childhood, for you ...

A: I wanted to keep the party going. I wanted to keep the happiness and joy and explosions of laughter going into a dour part of our lives, not our childhood anymore. I was once interviewed and the guy said, “What was the happiest part of your life? Was it winning the Academy Award? Was it marrying Anne Bancroft?” I said no, not at all. It was my childhood. From about 4 or 5 to 9, it was the most exciting, happiest, joyous life that anyone could experience. The guy said, “What happened at 9?” I said, “Homework.” I realized the world wanted something back. To this day, it’s still a bad thing. Homework is a



Actor-director-writer Mel Brooks poses next to a framed poster of his 1974 film “Blazing Saddles” in Los Angeles on July 23, 1991. Brooks has released a memoir, “All About Me!: My Remarkable Life in Show Business.” **NICK UT/AP**



‘All About Me!’
By Mel Brooks; Ballantine, 480 pages, \$30.

bad thing. It takes away precious minutes from your childhood.

Q: Depending on laughs for happiness can lead to a lot of heartache. Was there any downside to needing that response?

A: Oh, yeah. When stuff didn’t work. When you worked so hard on an idea or a project and the audience just said: No, thank

you. There was plenty of heartbreak right there. When you had a show on television like “Get Smart,” it was dropped after the first year. ABC just said no second year. There’s ups and downs. I didn’t write a lot of the downs in the book. Why bring the reader down when there’s so many ups to talk about?

Q: Do you remember your last conversation with Reiner before his death last year?

A: Yeah. The day he died, I said, “Carl, you’re eating two hot dogs.” He said, “They ain’t gonna bother me. I love hot dogs and hot dogs love me.” But it wasn’t true. By that night, the hot dogs had done him in.

Q: Some comedians have lamented that today’s audiences are too sensitive. As someone who often pushed boundaries of what was acceptable, what do you make of these cultural battles in comedy?

A: You’ve got to be careful. When things stir up people to great emotion, I stay out of that. I’m very careful and stay out of those. I don’t ever take sides because everybody’s right. The people who make fun of something that should not be fun of are right. And the people who are hurt because they’re trashing something that’s so important to them, they’re right. They’re all right. Stay back. Stay away.

Q: But you also weren’t timid about subjects some considered off limits like mocking Hitler and the Nazis in “The Producers” or the language of “Blazing Saddles.”

A: I was lucky. I was politically incorrect and I didn’t know it. I didn’t know it, so I did a lot of great stuff. Then it became politically incorrect, like the N-word in “Blazing Saddles.” Richard Pryor was writing it with me. He just loved using the

N-word because it was all true — the bad guys used it against Blacks. We didn’t think anything was wrong until later. You’ve got to say maybe it was used too much. Anyway, we were kids and it worked. It worked when it worked. I don’t think I could do those scenes in “Blazing Saddles” today. I don’t think I could get away with it. I think I’d offend too many people.

Q: In a great 1980s sketch, you created a coin-operated gravestone for yourself that played a videotaped message that began: “I was Mel Brooks, one of the funniest little Jews to walk the Earth.” Do you think much about death?

A: No. I gave up after 60 thinking about it because if I did, I’d be thinking about it all the time. So I don’t think about it much. When and if it happens it’s going to be a sad day — for everybody but me. (Laughs) I enjoy living. I’d like to do it as long as I can.

NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. **“Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone: A Novel (Outlander)” by Diana Gabaldon** (Delacorte) *Last week: 1*

2. **“Wish You Were Here” by Jodi Picoult** (Ballantine) *Last week: —*
3. **“The Judge’s List” by John Grisham** (Doubleday) *Last week: 4*
4. **“The Stranger in the Lifeboat” by Mitch Albom** (Harper) *Last week: 6*
5. **“Fear No Evil” by James Patterson** (Little, Brown) *Last week: 3*
6. **“The Wish” by Nicholas Sparks** (Grand Central) *Last week: 5*
7. **“The Lincoln Highway” by Amor Towles** (Viking) *Last week: 10*
8. **“Autopsy: A Scarpetta Novel” by Patricia Cornwell** (Morrow) *Last week: —*
9. **“Leviathan Falls (The Expanse Book 9)” by James S.A. Corey** (Orbit) *Last week: —*
10. **“Mercy” by David Baldacci** (Grand Central) *Last week: 9*

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. **“Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience” by Brene Brown** (Random House) *Last week: —*

2. **“All American Christmas” by Rachel Campos-Duffy and Sean Duffy** (Broadside) *Last week: 3*
3. **“The Pioneer Woman Cooks — Super Easy! 120 Shortcut Recipes for Dinners, Desserts, and More” by Ree Drummond** (Morrow) *Last week: 4*
4. **“The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story” by Nikole Hannah-Jones** (One World) *Last week: 2*
5. **“The Storyteller: Tales of Life and Music” by Dave Grohl** (Dey Street) *Last week: 7*
6. **“Guinness World Records 2022”** (Guinness World Records) *Last week: 6*
7. **“Principles for Dealing with the Changing World Order: Why Nations Succeed and Fail” by Ray Dalio** (Avid Reader) *Last week: —*
8. **“The Real Anthony Fauci: Bill Gates, Big Pharma, and the Global War on Democracy and Public Health (Children’s Health Defense)” by Robert F. Kennedy Jr.** (Skyhorse) *Last week: 1*
9. **“Will” by Will Smith** (Penguin Press) *Last week: 5*
10. **“Jesus Listens: Daily Devotional Prayers of Peace, Joy, and Hope (the NEW 365-day Prayer Book)” by Sarah Young** (Thomas Nelson) *Last week: 11*

For the week ended Dec. 4, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide.

— Publishers Weekly

Nash shows a candid side in book of his photographs

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

NEW YORK — He’s a legendary musician and two-time Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee, but the thing that Graham Nash never leaves home without isn’t his guitar. It’s his camera.

The Nash in the super-group Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young began taking photos long before he started making music and taunts fate every day to show him something interesting to capture.

“Here’s what I do: I wake up every morning. I get on with my day. If I’m leaving the house — sometimes when I’m not leaving the house — I take my camera and I say to myself, ‘OK, the world is going to show me something fantastic today. What is it? Come on, show me,’” he says.

The singer-songwriter is now ready to show us what he’s seen with “A Life in Focus: The Photography of Graham Nash,” a collection from Insight Editions spanning decades that captures many fellow artists such as Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Mama Cass Elliot, Twiggy and, of course, Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young.

“I’m a curious man about the world, and I see strange things,” Nash says. “I see differently than most people. I’m not trying to brag about it. I just know that I see differently.”

The book mixes intimate portraits and concert shots with surreal images Nash has happened upon, moving from a shot of a sleeping David Crosby to images from Woodstock to a mirrored building’s reflection or the shadow from a bicycle on the street.

“I’ve been doing it for 70 years and you get to feel when something’s going to

happen. You get to be able to put yourself in a place where Elvis comes around the corner on the back of an elephant,” he says. “I’m waiting for the world to show me something fantastic, and it always does.”

Nash says he sent many of his images to the publisher and left the art team to curate the collection without his direction. Whenever he has a show at a gallery, he also leaves it up to the professionals to figure out how the images talk to each other.

“I sent them a bunch of images that I thought were worth looking at. I don’t want to waste anyone’s time. I’m not going to show you an image that is pointless. I mean, why? Why waste a couple of minutes of your time? Time is our only currency, really,” he says.

Insight Editions’ founder and publisher Raoul Goff estimates that he and his team sifted through 700 to 800 of Nash’s images. He calls the photographs “visual poetry.”

Goff found ways that the disparate images could connect, as when they paired a shot of Shawn Colvin looking over her

shoulder from 1990 with a shot of Mitchell in a similar pose in 1971.

“They did some wonderful images where I wouldn’t have thought of that and I was amazed. I like letting people do their job,” Nash says. “My father taught me that many, many years ago. My father said, ‘Never buy a dog and bark at yourself.’”

Nash might be a photo pro, but he’s not precious about the equipment. He notes that he was photographed for the cover of his album “Earth & Sky” holding a cheap disposable camera. “I don’t care what I’m using. I don’t care if it’s a Cannon or Leica. I don’t care,” he says. “Just give me something to shoot with.”

Many of the most striking images in the book are Nash’s self-portraits, him stopping time in front of a mirror by holding a camera up and snapping a moment, something that has been aped countless times in our Instagram age.

He recalls at one of his gallery shows in Berlin, an intense woman came up to him and said, “Do you know something?” Nash played along and answered “What?” She replied: “You should have your head examined. These self-portraits are very disturbing. You should talk to a therapist about this.” Nash laughs at the memory: “What can you do?”

Nash credits his photography-loving father for passing on his passion and writes that one of his first photos was of his mom looking contemplative in 1953 when he was 11, an image he says made him realize he could offer something special as a photographer.

“I’m a curious boy,” he says. “I’ve been a witness to this world for almost 80 years, and I have no intentions of stopping.”

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY
NO. 2 CROMWELL/PORTLAND 21, NO. 1 BLOOMFIELD 6

Teddy Ballgame



Cromwell's Theodore Williams (8) and his teammates celebrate at the end of the Class S state football championship game against Bloomfield in Trumbull, Conn., on Saturday. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Receiver Williams does it all as Cromwell-Portland finishes ride to Class S title

TRUMBULL — Teddy Williams looked out the windows of the team bus on a morning with very poor visibility. This is his time to visualize, and on a longer-than-usual ride through the thick fog, he saw quite clearly.

“So the whole bus ride here I was just visualizing making plays,” he said, “and that’s what I do before every game. I just run ‘em through my head over and over. When I catch a pass, what am I going to do? What I am going to do on defense. All of it ... I have really been dreaming about this since our 2-8 season.”

It would have been hard for anyone



Dom Amore

to envision, two years ago, that the Cromwell-Portland co-op would rise to knock off Ansonia and Bloomfield on back-to-back weekends. Even in his own mind’s eye, it would have been hard for Teddy Williams to envision all he did Saturday to help the Panthers claim the Class S football championship with a 21-6 win over the Warhawks.

The list included three touchdowns, one receiving, one on a fumble recovery and one on an interception, three times converting fourth downs, 71 yards rushing, 96 receiving, several tackles behind the line

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CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS
Class LL
No. 3 Darien 42, No. 1 Fairfield Prep 7
Class L
No. 3 Maloney 35, No. 5 Windsor 21
Class M
No. 1 Killingly 28, No. 2 Rockville 14
Class S
No. 2 Cromwell/Portland 21, No. 1 Bloomfield 6

INSIDE
Darien stakes claim as best team in state with easy win over Fairfield Prep in LL final
Conard's Gavin Sherry finishes third in national cross country championships.
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CLASS L MALONEY 35, WINDSOR 21

Maloney bests Windsor for its first championship title

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

NEW BRITAIN — The Maloney football team had been in the championship games three times before and come away empty. The last time was in 2018, when the Spartans lost by 40 to Hand in the Class L final. But they would erase all those memories on a misty Saturday morning at Veterans Stadium. Junior Josh Boganski carried the ball 46 times in the rain for 239 yards and scored four touchdowns as third-seeded Maloney beat No. 5 Windsor 35-21 for its first state title.

“We did it,” Maloney coach Kevin Freder-

ick said. “It was a dream come true. We set out to do this and not many people thought we could ever win a state championship in a three high school town.”

Maloney won 12 games, the most in program history, losing only its first game, to Southington.

“I feel great because we’ve been working all year for this,” Boganski said. “And we finally got it.”

Boganski scored the first four touchdowns and quarterback Angel Arce added one more in the fourth quarter, on a 15-yard keeper.

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Maloney's Joshua Boganski (24) is pulled down by Windsor's Marion Welsh in the second half of the Class L championship game. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
UConn 71, UCLA 61

Huskies prevail vs. UCLA

Team was fighting to come back from lackluster loss

By Alexa Philippou
Hartford Courant


NEWARK, N.J. — Two days after a stunning loss to unranked Georgia Tech, where Geno Auriemma said he feared the team lacked direction on how to turn things around, the No. 3 UConn women's basketball team did just that versus UCLA in the Never Forget Tribute Classic.

The Huskies rebounded from a so-so first half and used an offensive onslaught where five players reached double figures to take down UCLA, 71-61. With the win UConn (6-2) avoided back-to-back losses, something which hasn't happened to the program since March 1993.

“I think that we’re just fighters,” said graduate transfer Dorka Juhász, who had her first double-double at UConn with 16 points and 16 rebounds. “We weren’t able to show that last game, but I think this game showed that we can fight back. No matter what happens with our team, who’s injured, it doesn’t matter. We have to play for each other and no matter what, just got to grind it out, play defense, be good on offense, share the ball and then win games.”

The Huskies fielded just seven players with Paige Bueckers (knee), Aubrey Griffin (leg/ankle/back), Azzi Fudd (foot) and Nika Mühl (foot) still sidelined, though Griffin was technically considered active. Despite trailing almost all of the first half, the Huskies outscored

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UP NEXT
  **Louisville at UConn**
3:30 p.m. Dec. 19, ESPN

■ Paige Bueckers contemplating knee surgery that could keep her out until mid-February at earliest. **Page 4**

MEN'S BASKETBALL
UConn 74, ST. BONAVENTURE 64

Shorthanded Huskies step up vs. Bonnies

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

NEWARK, N.J. — Sometimes all it takes is the ball going through the net to get your swagger back.

In the Never Forget Tribute Classic, the shorthanded UConn men's basketball team won a tough game, 74-64 against St. Bonaventure at the Prudential Center on Saturday afternoon.



The Huskies were led by efficient redshirt junior Akok Akok, who went 5-for-6 from the field for 12 points. Freshman guard Jordan Hawkins (11 points) broke out of his cold-shooting streak and was clutch in knocking down pivotal shots that helped defeat the Bonnies.

Although Hawkins started 0-6 from the field, he hit his last three shots that seemed to help bring some confidence back. Hawkins was visibly more energetic and seemed relieved after he saw his first shot go down, which is great sign for UConn going forward.

UConn coach Dan Hurley was happy with the way Hawkins responded to a tough stretch and bounced back.

“I was just so happy for him because

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UP NEXT
  **Providence at UConn**
5 p.m. Dec. 18, FOX

Did you know?

Many drivers think 4-wheel drive vehicles are safer to operate under all conditions of winter weather driving and end up driving too fast. The truth is these vehicles can make moving forward or reverse a bit easier but do not improve stopping distances.

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Up next

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Giants: at Chargers, Sunday, 4:05 p.m.
Jets: Saints, Sunday, 1 p.m.
UConn MBB: Providence (XL), Saturday, 5 p.m.; at Marquette, Dec. 21, 9 p.m.; at Xavier, Dec. 28, 7 p.m.
UConn WBB: Basketball HoF Women's Showcase: vs. Louisville (Mohegan Sun), Dec. 19, 3:30 p.m.; Marquette (XL), Dec. 29, 7 p.m.; at DePaul, Dec. 31, 2 p.m.
Celtics: Bucks, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; Warriors, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Knicks, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Knicks: Bucks, Sunday, noon; Warriors, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Rockets, Thursday, 8 p.m.
Nets: at Pistons, Sunday, 6 p.m.; Raptors, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; 76ers, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
UConn hockey: at Harvard, Jan. 2, 7 p.m.; at Boston Coll., Jan. 8, 4 p.m.; Boston Univ., Jan. 14, 7 p.m.
Bruins: Knights, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Islanders, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; at Canadiens, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Rangers: Predators, Sunday, 7 p.m.; at Avalanche, Tuesday, 9 p.m.; at Coyotes, Wednesday, 9 p.m.
Wolf Pack: at Lehigh Valley, Sunday, 3 p.m.; Lehigh Valley, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Springfield, Saturday, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

SUNDAY
AUTO RACING
8 a.m.: Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. ESPN2
BASEBALL
4 p.m.: Puerto Rican League: All Star game. FS2
CFL
6 p.m.: Grey Cup: Teams TBD. ESPN2
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Noon: No Room For Racism Classic: Florida St. vs. South Carolina. ESPN2
Noon: Colgate at St. John's. FS1
2 p.m.: Virginia Tech at Dayton. ESPN2
3 p.m.: Villanova at Baylor. ABC
4 p.m.: NJIT at Northwestern. ESPNU
5 p.m.: Washington at Gonzaga. ESPN
7 p.m.: Monmouth at Pittsburgh. ACC
7:30 p.m.: Rutgers at Seton Hall. FS1
COLLEGE SOCCER
2 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Clemson-Notre Dame winner vs. Georgetown-Washington winner, final. ESPN
GOLF
Noon: PGA Tour: QBE Shootout, final round. Golf
2 p.m.: PGA Tour: QBE Shootout, final round. Golf
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
12 a.m.: Link Academy (Mo.) vs. Southern California Academy. ESPN
HOCKEY
3 p.m.: AHL: Hartford at Lehigh Valley. NHL
HORSE RACING
2 p.m.: America's Day at the Races. FS1
NBA G-LIGUE
1 p.m.: Cleveland at Wisconsin. NBA
NFL
1 p.m.: Las Vegas at Kansas City. CBS
1 p.m.: Dallas at Washington. Fox
4:25 p.m.: Buffalo at Tampa Bay. CBS
8:20 p.m.: Chicago at Green Bay. NBC
NHL
8 p.m.: Florida at Colorado. Bally Sports Florida; Radio, 560-AM (Broward/Miami-Dade), 640-AM (Palm Beach), 100.3-FM (Florida Keys)
SOCCER
9 a.m.: English Premier League: Brighton vs. Tottenham. NBCSN
11:30 a.m.: English Premier League: Crystal Palace vs. Everton. NBCSN
Noon: Italian Serie A: Sassuolo vs. Lazio. CBSSN
2:30 p.m.: Italian Serie A: Inter Milan vs. Cagliari. CBSSN
TENNIS
6 a.m.: Center Court: Florianopolis-ATP Challenger; Maia-ATP Challenger & Angers-WTA 125, singles and doubles finals. Tennis



New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick against the Buffalo Bills in New York, on Dec. 6. ADRIAN KRAUS/AP

PATRIOTS

Point-counterpoint

Are the Patriots the AFC favorite to make the Super Bowl? That's debatable.

By Karen Guregian and Andrew Callahan
Boston Herald

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The Patriots are currently the top-seeded team in the AFC. They're riding a seven-game win streak, the longest in the NFL. And they just took down the reigning division champion Bills in Buffalo.

While their schedule isn't the easiest down the stretch (at Colts, Bills, Jaguars, and at Dolphins), expectations have certainly grown after their flawless November and start to December.

Meanwhile, other heavyweights in the AFC are dealing with significant injuries (Tennessee, Baltimore) and others haven't quite hit their stride (Buffalo).

Ultimately, they're all still fighting for the coveted No. 1 seed with five weeks remaining in the season.

With that as a backdrop, should the Patriots be considered the AFC favorite to make the Super Bowl? Or have they yet to pull away from the Bills and Chiefs?

The Boston Herald's Patriots beat writers debate: **Guregian:** Put me down for yes. At this stage, the Patri-

ots should absolutely be considered the favorite to represent the AFC in the Super Bowl. They're the most balanced, least flawed team in the mix. Their defense is championship caliber, their special teams are elite, and the offense has one of the best power running games in the NFL. They've shown they can dominate games — hello Buffalo — running it down any defense's throat.

Callahan: Not yet. The winds on Monday night interfered to such a degree there was nothing to learn about how the Patriots and Bills truly stack up, except to say the Pats are better positioned to run for an entire game than Buffalo is. And even then, they scored just 14 points. Buffalo entered as a 3-point favorite then, meaning that game would've been considered a tossup on a neutral field. The same would likely hold true for Pats-Chiefs, especially with Kansas City now playing elite defense.

Guregian: Something doesn't seem quite right with Patrick Mahomes. Don't know if he's battling a nagging injury, or is in a slump. He's still good, just not the other-worldly quar-

terback he was when he won MVP in 2018, or even last year when he took the Chiefs back to the Super Bowl. Their defense is playing better, but they can still be beat. End of story.

Callahan: End of story? The end of the story will come with a rematch on Dec. 26 in Foxboro, where if the Pats are slated as 3-point favorites, that means Vegas still sees that matchup as a tossup. And that's precisely the point.

Guregian: We're talking about right here, and right now. In that context, the Patriots are the favorites. And, being a favorite doesn't necessarily mean how Vegas sees it, or what odds Vegas gives. It's watching the games, and seeing how each team is doing. No one in the hunt is playing as well as the Patriots right now. No other team is riding a seven-game win streak. The Chiefs are at five, and I'd say they're the best team after the Patriots, and certainly one to worry about. But right now, right this minute, the Patriots have to be the favorites.

Callahan: But when has a season ever ended after 13 games? Never. The Patriots haven't played a second game against the Bills or Dolphins, who beat them. That's context, too. They've skated against bad teams

for most of the win streak — more context — and that's fine because opponent quality is outside their control. But their best wins are beating the Chargers by three and surviving a windstorm in Buffalo by a hair.

Guregian: Sorry, you're forgetting one other hugely significant element — the head coach. No one holds a candle to the guy with the hoodie walking the sidelines for the Patriots. He just out-coached Sean McDermott. Ran rings around him, in fact. And, as I've written, he's on a mission. This is his personal scorched-earth tour, after taking all of those slings and arrows last year for missing the playoffs, and also losing Tom Brady. A motivated Belichick has the top seed now, and won't surrender it.

Callahan: The same Belichick who's lost his past two meetings with Chiefs coach Andy Reid and split their last six? Look, there's no question the Patriots are well-positioned for the No. 1 seed. They are a well-rounded, well-coached, dangerous team. But the simplest way to assess their standing in the AFC is to ask a question: would it be an upset if they lost to Buffalo or Kansas City? No. Which means they're not the definitive favorite.

GIANTS

Chargers focus on stringing wins together

By Joe Reedy
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Preparing for Mike Glennon to start at quarterback for the New York Giants isn't the biggest concern for the Los Angeles Chargers going into Sunday's game.

The Chargers (7-5) are in the thick of the AFC playoff race, but continue to struggle with consistency. They haven't won consecutive games since a three-game winning streak in October, which was part of a 4-1 start.

"A game like this, you can't get caught up on who is going to be the quarterback and who is not. A game like this, you have to make it more about you and how you're going to come out and play," safety Derwin James said. Los Angeles comes in with plenty of momentum after a 41-22 victory at Cincinnati. The win was the first this season in which the Chargers got contributions from all three units.

The Giants (4-8) have dropped two of their past three and will be without starting quarterback Daniel Jones for a second straight week. Jones suffered a neck injury on Nov. 28 against the Philadelphia Eagles but finished the game.

Backup Glennon got the start in last Sunday's loss at Miami and was diagnosed with a concussion after the game. His status was uncertain until Friday, when he practiced fully and was cleared to play.

That settled one thing for the Chargers. They were preparing for either Glennon or Jake Fromm, who

GIANTS (4-8) AT CHARGERS (7-5)
Time/TV: 4:05 p.m., Fox
Series record: Chargers lead 7-5.
Last meeting: Chargers beat Giants 27-22 on Oct. 8, 2017, in East Rutherford, New Jersey.
Last week: Giants lost to Dolphins 20-9; Chargers beat Bengals 41-22.
Giants player to watch: OLB Azeez Ojulari. The second-round pick from Georgia ranks third among all rookies with 6 ½ sacks and seven tackles for loss.
Chargers player to watch: OLB Uchenna Nwosu. It seems like Nwosu is starting to mesh with head coach Brandon Staley's defensive scheme.
Key matchup: Giants LT Andrew Thomas and RT Nate Solder vs. Chargers OLB Joey Bosa. With massive uncertainty at the offensive skill positions for New York this week, the offensive line has to step up.
Game notes: Giants QB Mike Glennon will start after clearing the NFL's concussion protocol. Daniel Jones remains sidelined because of a neck injury. ... Leonard Williams is tied with Pittsburgh's Cameron Heyward for most tackles by a defensive lineman with 61. Williams, who starred at Southern California, ranks second on the Giants with 5 ½ sacks. ... TE Evan Engram leads the Giants in receptions (35) and touchdown catches (2), and his 334 yards receiving are second on the team. Engram is on pace to become the sixth NFL TE with 40 receptions in each of his five seasons. ... A loss will guarantee the Giants their fifth straight losing season. — Associated Press

had never taken a snap in a regular-season game..

Glennon, who is with his sixth team, has made 28 starts in eight seasons.

Chargers coach Brandon Staley is familiar with Glennon since both were with Chicago in 2018.

"They've had a change in coordinators (from Jason Garrett to Freddie Kitchens), and then you're also prepared for all the other people that can play quarterback," Staley said. "It's all hands on deck, but I think, from a preparation standpoint, all you can do is assess the styles of the quarterbacks, assess the change since the play caller change, and then go from there."

The Chargers have a four-game winning streak in the series. Big Blue has not defeated the Bolts since 1998.

The Chargers' defense had four turnovers and six quarterback sacks last week. The league's 31st-ranked run defense has also come around, allowing fewer than 4 yards per carry in three of the past four games. "I feel like we've been improving each and every game since the beginning of the season. I told you guys after the bye that I felt like, in the run game, our guys are a lot more confident in their technique and their assignments," Staley said. "We're going to just continue to

JETS

Saints present test for Wilson

By DJ Bien-Aime II
New York Daily News

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — The Jets are 3-9. The Saints (5-7) have lost five in a row. One of these teams has to win on Sunday at MetLife Stadium.

The focus for New York will center around the steadiness within Zach Wilson's growth. And can the defense finally fight back?

The No. 2 overall pick took a step forward last week in his second start after missing a month with a knee sprain. Wilson completed 60% of his passes for 226 yards with three total touchdowns in a 33-18 loss to the Eagles. That performance earned him Rookie of the Week honors.

Wilson labeled last week as the "most comfortable I've ever been from an offensive standpoint of just understanding my job," which led to decisiveness and pre-snap efficiency, which propelled the solid outing from the rookie.

That's why his average time to throw was 2.89 seconds, the second fastest all year for him, according to Next Gen Stats.

This week he faces one of the biggest challenges of his rookie season. The Saints pass defense is a Top 10 unit. They've held quarterbacks to a passer rating of 87, ninth best in the NFL, and have snagged the fifth-most interceptions (14).

The Saints thrive in man coverage. It explains why they have the fourth-highest percentage of tight-window throws (18%) and the lowest open rating (37.2%).

"I got to be accurate, we got to win. I know the receivers know the challenge coming ahead for them as well. I got to give those guys a chance with the ball," Wilson said. "And then really, we just got to execute, we got to be efficient. I got to be able to make the right decisions, understand when to get off of something, and just give our guys a chance to make plays."

SAINTS (5-7) AT JETS (3-9)
Time/TV: 1 p.m., CBS
Series record: Saints lead 7-6.
Last meeting: Saints beat Jets 31-19 on Dec. 17, 2017, in New Orleans.
Last week: Saints lost to Cowboys 27-17; Jets lost to Eagles 33-18.
Saints player to watch: RB Alvin Kamara fully practiced all week and is expected to return from a four-game absence caused by a sprained knee.
Jets player to watch: QB Zach Wilson had arguably his best performance last week against Philadelphia, going 23 of 38 for 226 yards and two touchdowns with an interception.

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SCOREBOARD

NHL									
EASTERN CONFERENCE									
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Florida	26	18	4	4	40	99	72		
Tampa Bay	27	17	6	4	38	89	74		
Toronto	28	18	8	2	38	88	71		
Detroit	28	13	12	3	28	79	96		
Boston	23	13	8	2	28	65	60		
Buffalo	26	8	15	3	19	71	94		
Ottawa	25	8	16	1	17	67	93		
Montreal	29	6	20	3	15	62	102		
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
N.Y. Rangers	26	18	5	3	39	79	67		
Washington	27	16	5	6	38	94	69		
Carolina	25	18	6	1	37	81	55		
Pittsburgh	26	13	8	5	31	79	70		
Columbus	25	13	11	1	27	81	82		
New Jersey	25	10	10	5	25	72	82		
Philadelphia	25	9	12	4	22	60	68		
N.Y. Islanders	22	6	11	5	17	46	68		

WESTERN CONFERENCE									
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Minnesota	26	19	6	1	39	101	74		
St. Louis	27	15	8	4	34	94	75		
Nashville	27	16	10	1	33	80	76		
Colorado	24	15	7	2	32	106	82		
Winnipeg	27	13	9	5	31	82	76		
Dallas	24	13	9	2	28	68	68		
Chicago	26	10	14	2	22	58	81		
Arizona	26	5	19	2	12	45	96		
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Calgary	27	15	6	6	36	85	58		
Anaheim	28	15	8	5	35	91	79		
Edmonton	25	16	9	0	32	89	77		
Vegas	26	15	11	0	30	89	81		
San Jose	27	14	12	1	29	73	76		
Los Angeles	25	11	10	4	26	68	67		
Vancouver	28	11	15	2	24	70	84		
Seattle	26	9	15	2	20	73	93		

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
St. Louis 4, Montreal 1
Ottawa 4, Tampa Bay 0
Anaheim at Pittsburgh, late
Chicago at Toronto, late
Washington at Buffalo, late
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, late
Philadelphia at Arizona, late
Boston at Calgary, late
Carolina at Edmonton, late
Columbus at Seattle, late
Dallas at San Jose, late
Minnesota at Los Angeles, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Anaheim at St. Louis, 7p.m.
Nashville at N.Y. Rangers, 7p.m.
Florida at Colorado, 8p.m.
Minnesota at Vegas, 9p.m.
Carolina at Vancouver, 10p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Rangers 2, Buffalo 1
Pittsburgh 4, Washington 2
Nashville 3, New Jersey 2
Colorado 7, Detroit 3
Florida 3, Arizona 1
Philadelphia 4, Vegas 3
Vancouver 4, Winnipeg 3 (SO)

ODDS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL					SUNDAY	
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG			
at Miami			Fordham			
Florida St.	4½		at South Carolina			
Fairfield	5½		at Wm. & Mary			
Davidson	3		at Northeastern			
Purdue	13		at N.C. State			
Virginia Tech	3½		at Dayton			
Wofford	3½		at Coastal Carolina			
at Baylor	3½		Villanova			
Kansas City	1½		at SIU-Ed'sville			
at West Mexico			UTEP			
at New Virginia	11		Kent State			
Florida	4		at Maryland			
at Kansas State	19		a Green Bay			
at USC	27		Long Beach St.			
at Iowa	2		Yale			
at Pittsburgh	E		Monmouth			
at Stanford	E		Oregon			
at UC Riverside	6½		Calif. Baptist			
at Seton Hall	10½		Rutgers			
at Seattle	4½		UC-San Diego			

NBA					SUNDAY	
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG			
Milwaukee	4½	(217½)	at New York			
Brooklyn	9½	(212)	at Detroit			
Dallas	5½	(211½)	at Okla. City			
at San Antonio	3	(220)	New Orleans			
Minnesota	1	(219)	at Portland			
at LA Lakers	11½	(220½)	Orlando			

NHL					SUNDAY	
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	Line			
at St. Louis	-156	Anaheim	+130			
at N.Y. Rangers	-154	Nashville	+128			
at Colorado	-140	Florida	+116			
at Vegas	-130	Minnesota	+108			
Carolina	-137	at Vancouver	+114			

COLLEGE FOOTBALL					FRIDAY	
FAVORITE	SP	O/U	UNDERDOG			
Bahamas Bowl						
Toledo	10	(52)	Mid Tenn.			
Cure Bowl						
Coastal Carolina	10½	(63½)	N. Illinois			
Boca Raton Bowl			Saturday, Dec. 18			
Appalachian St.	3	(68)	W. Kentucky			
New Mexico Bowl						
Fresno State	11	(51½)	UTEP			
Independence Bowl						
BYU	7	(54½)	UAB			
Lending Tree Bowl						
Liberty	9½	(58½)	E. Michgian			
LA Bowl						
Oregon State	7	(67)	Utah State			
New Orleans Bowl						
La-Lafayette	5	(53½)	Marshall			
Myrtle Beach Bowl			Monday, Dec. 20			
Tulsa	3½	(58½)	Old Dominion			
Famous Idaho Potato			Tuesday, Dec. 21			
Wyoming	3	(59)	Kent State			
Frisco Bowl						
UTSA	2½	(50)	San Diego St.			
Armed Forces Bowl			Wednesday, Dec. 22			
Army	3½	(58½)	Missouri			
Frisco Football Classic			Thu., Dec. 23			
Miami (Ohio)	3	(56½)	North Texas			
Gasparilla Bowl						
Florida	7	(56½)	UCF			
Hawaii Bowl			Friday, Dec. 24			
Memphis	7	(58½)	Hawaii			
Camellia Bowl			Saturday, Dec. 25			
Georgia State	4½	(50)	Ball State			
Quick Lane Bowl			Monday, Dec. 27			
Nevada	3½	(59)	W. Michigan			
Military Bowl						
Boston College	3½	(51½)	East Carolina			
Birmingham Bowl			Tuesday, Dec. 28			
Auburn	3	(51½)	Houston			
SERVPRO First Responder Bowl						
Louisville	1½	(55½)	Air Force			
Liberty Bowl						
Mississippi St.	8½	(59½)	Texas Tech			
Holiday Bowl						
NC State	1	(60)	UCLA			
Guaranteed Rate Bowl						
Minnesota	4	(45)	West Virginia			
Fenway Bowl			Wednesday, Dec. 29			
Virginia	1½	(71)	SMU			
Pinstripe Bowl						
Maryland	1	(55)	Virginia Tech			
Cheez-It Bowl						
Clemson	1	(45½)	Iowa State			
Alamo Bowl						
Oklahoma	4½	(61½)	Oregon			
Duke's Mayo Bowl			Thursday, Dec. 30			
North Carolina	7	(57½)	South Carolina			
Music City Bowl						
Tennessee	4½	(63)	Purdue			
Peach Bowl						
Michigan State	1½	(60)	Pittsburgh			
Las Vegas Bowl						
Wisconsin	7	(42½)	Arizona St.			
Gator Bowl			Friday, Dec. 31			
Alabama A&M	7	(60)	Wake Forest			
Sun Bowl						
Miami	2½	(59½)	Wash. St.			
Arizona Bowl						
Boise State	7½	(55)	C. Michigan			
CFP Semifinal Cotton Bowl Classic						
Alabama	13½	(58)	Cincinnati			
CFP Semifinal Orange Bowl						
Georgia	7½	(44½)	Michigan			
Outback Bowl			Saturday, Jan. 1			
Penn State	2	(47)	Arkansas			
Fiesta Bowl						
Notre Dame	2½	(45½)	Oklahoma St.			
Citrus Bowl						
Kentucky	3	(44)	Iowa			
Rose Bowl						
Ohio State	6½	(66½)	Utah			
Sugar Bowl						
Baylor	1½	(54½)	Mississippi			
Texas Bowl			Tuesday, Jan. 4			
Kansas State	1	(47)	LSU			

NFL WEEK 14					SUNDAY	
FAVORITE	SP	O/U	UNDERDOG			
at Cleveland	2½	(47½)	Baltimore			
Dallas	4½	(48)	at Washington			
at Tennessee	8½	(43½)	Jacksonville			
at Kansas City	10	(47½)	Las Vegas			
New Orleans	5	(43)	at NY Jets			
Seattle	9½	(42½)	at Houston			
at Carolina	2½	(41½)	Atlanta			
LA Chargers	9	(43)	NY Giants			
at Denver	10½	(42½)	Detroit			
at Tampa Bay	3½	(53½)	Buffalo			
San Francisco	12	(48½)	at Cincinnati			
at Green Bay	12	(43)	Chicago			

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FAVORITE	SP	O/U	UNDERDOG			
at Cleveland	2½	(47½)	Baltimore			
Dallas	4½	(48)	at Washington			
at Tennessee	8½	(43½)	Jacksonville			
at Kansas City	10	(47½)	Las Vegas			
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at Denver	10½	(42½)	Detroit			
at Tampa Bay	3½	(53½)	Buffalo			
San Francisco	12	(48½)	at Cincinnati			
at Green Bay	12	(43)	Chicago			

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NBA									
EASTERN CONFERENCE									
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB					
Brooklyn	18	8	.692	—					
Philadelphia	14	12	.538	4					
Boston	13	14	.481	5½					
Toronto	12	14	.462	6					
New York	12	14	.462	6					

SOUTHEAST									
W	L	PCT	GB						
Miami	15	11	.577	—					
Washington	15	12	.556	½					
Charlotte	15	13	.536	1					
Atlanta	13	13	.500	2					
Orlando	5	22	.185	10½					

CENTRAL									
W	L	PCT	GB						
Chicago	17	9	.654	—					
Milwaukee	17	10	.630	½					
Cleveland	15	12	.556	2½					
Indiana	12	16	.429	6					
Detroit	4	21	.160	12½					

WESTERN CONFERENCE									
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB					
Memphis	15	11	.577	—					
Dallas	12	13	.480	2½					
San Antonio	9	15	.375	5					
Houston	8	17	.320	6½					
New Orleans	8	20	.286	8					

Minnesota	11	13	.423	8
Oklahoma City	8	17	.320	10 1/2
PACIFIC				
Golden State	21	4	.840	—
Phoenix	21	4	.840	—
L A Clippers	15	12	.556	7

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Dec. 18: vs. Providence,
5 p.m., FOX

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Dec. 19: vs. Louisville,
3:30 p.m., ESPN

Huskies

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he is wearing it right now,” Hurley said. “He wants to be there, right now like the finished product. The progress is going to be up and down. He overcame a bad start in the second half and showed great confidence, that was huge shots he made.”

Dominick Welch led St. Bonaventure with 15 points.

The Huskies came into the game missing their second and third options on offense in sophomore forward Adama Sanogo and senior guard Tyrese Martin. Martin (wrist) and Sanogo (abdominal strain) look to be back soon. Martin was a game-time decision according to Hurley, but ultimately didn’t play.

UConn has played three games without them and a theme has emerged. The Huskies play hard-nosed basketball, maybe not aesthetically pleasing, especially on the offensive end, but it has been effective.

The defense has been keeping them in games as the offense goes through it’s lulls and swings. UConn doesn’t have a consistent scoring option after R.J. Cole and teams seem to know that. Cole has had zero space to operate and it has led to abysmal shooting percentages of (28.6%) against Grambling State, (35.2%) against West Virginia, and (33.3%) against St. Bonaventure. On Saturday, teammates Akok and Hawkins finally gave him some help.

Akok finished with a final stat line of 12 points, five rebounds, and three blocks, making his presence known on both sides of the court. He has played well in the absence of Martin and Sanogo. He credits Hurley for that.

“I just had to step it up,” said Akok. “Coach has been on me, hard at practice and told me to raise my intensity. Just going out and playing hard, proving why I



St. Bonaventure’s Jaren Holmes (5) fights UConn’s Andre Jackson (44) for a loose ball during the first half in the Never Tribute Classic at Prudential Center on Saturday in Newark, New Jersey. **RICH SCHULTZ/GETTY**

should be out there on the court.”

“Akok is at that stage in his career when you are on the court, you need to step into a shot and knock it down,” Hurley said.

“You have to cut, run, and get a dunk. He can’t play extended minutes and not be productive, so I’ve been on him about this is the time in his career you’ve got to produce.”

UConn started slow yet again, scoring just 11 points in the first 10:01. In that span, Cole and Andre Jackson were the only starters to make a field goal. At the 5:10 mark, Akok canned the third made three for UConn on the day which tied the amount the Huskies hit against West Virginia on Wednesday.

On the defensive end, the Huskies forced the Bonnies to commit eight turnovers that led to 12 points. St Bonaventure came into the game averaging just 9.9

turnovers a game, which was No. 14 in Division I. But UConn’s defense was stifling as the Bonnies shot just 10-for-32 (31.3%) in the first half and the Huskies went into the break with a 29-28 lead.

The second half was a back-and-forth affair with neither team able to gain control. At 17:15, St Bonaventure’s Jaren Holmes hit a three-pointer to give the Bonnies a 35-33 lead, their first in the game since the 10:01 mark in the first when they lead 13-11.

Then came Hawkins. He had been held scoreless against the Mountaineers and was 0-for-6 until the 11:22 mark in the second of this game.

After he made a midrange jumper to put UConn up 46-39 and give him his first field goal in the game, a sense of calmness seemed to come over him. Hawkins followed up that with

UConn 74, ST. BONAVENTURE 64									
St. Bon.	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT		
Holmes	40	6-14	6-7	8	5	4	19		
Welch	39	5-11	3-3	7	2	5	15		
Adaway	40	5-16	2-2	10	9	3	14		
Osunniyi	26	5-7	0-0	5	0	2	10		
Adams	27	2-7	0-0	3	1	4	4		
Coulibaly	14	1-4	0-0	5	0	1	2		
Brown	14	0-3	0-1	0	0	2	0		
TOTALS	—	24-62	11-13	40	8	21	64		
Three-point goals: 5-14, 35.7(Adaway 2-4, Welch 2-5, Holmes 1-3, Brown 0-2). FG pct.: 38.7. FT pct.: 84.6. Team rebounds: 2. Turnovers: 11(Holmes 5, Adaway 3, Welch, Adams, Coulibaly). Blocks: 1(Welch). Steals: 3(Adams 2, Osunniyi).									
UConn	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT		
Cole	34	5-15	4-6	5	3	1	15		
Akok	34	5-6	0-0	5	0	1	12		
Hawkins	20	3-9	3-4	2	0	1	11		
Jackson	32	3-3	3-5	11	5	0	9		
Whaley	21	2-3	1-2	2	3	5	5		
Polley	27	4-12	2-2	3	1	3	13		
Gaffney	30	2-9	5-5	5	4	3	9		
Johnson	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0		
TOTALS	—	24-57	18-24	37	16	14	74		
Three-point goals: 8-27, 29.6(Polley 3-8, Akok 2-2, Hawkins 2-5, Cole 1-7, Whaley 0-1, Gaffney 0-4). FG pct.: 42.1. FT pct.: 75.0. Team rebounds: 3. Turnovers: 8(Gaffney 3, Jackson 2, Cole, Hawkins, Whaley). Blocks: 6(Akok 3, Whaley 3). Steals: 3(Whaley 2, Jackson).									
St. Bon.	28	36	—	64					
UConn	29	45	—	74					
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a 3-pointer and then a couple possessions later, he hit another three. In the span of 2:18, UConn went on a 8-2 run.

When the Bonnies seemed ready to make a run and UConn just up five points, it was old reliable Cole who answered the call. At the 3:25 mark, Cole hit a floater that put them up 63-55 after hitting the foul shot. Then with 45 seconds to go Tyler Polley hit a huge three that put the Huskies up 70-61 and put the game out of reach.

Hurley believes his team has not only improved due to their circumstances, but learned a lot.

“I think everything we have dealt with since Thanksgiving has toughened up the team and has identified areas we have to get better,” he said.

UConn has a break in play until Saturday when it plays its first Big East foe in Providence at the XL Center.

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STATE ROUNDUP
Horchler carries Providence to victory

Associated Press

Noah Horchler tallied 12 points and 10 rebounds to lift Providence to a 68-53 win over visiting Central Connecticut on Saturday. A.J. Reeves had 17 points, nine rebounds and seven assists for the Friars (10-1), who won their fifth straight game. Justin Minaya added 14 points. Nate Watson had nine rebounds.

Providence dominated the first half and led 44-25 at the break. The Friars’ 44 first-half points marked a season high for the team. Tre Mitchell had 15 points for the Blue Devils (2-8). Nigel Scantlebury added 9 points and 10 rebounds. Andre Snoddy had seven rebounds.

UNLV 95, Hartford 78: At Las Vegas, Bryce Hamilton scored a season-high 33 points as UNLV defeated the Hawks. Donovan Williams added 32 points for the Runnin’ Rebels.

Jordan McCabe had 8 points and 11 assists for UNLV (6-5).

D.J. Mitchell had 19 points for the Hawks (1-8). David Shriver added 18 points and eight rebounds. Austin Williams had 15 points. Hunter Marks, who was second on the Hawks in scoring heading into the contest with 12 points per game, shot only 20 percent in the game (1 of 5).

Georgetown 79, Syracuse 75: At Washington, Aminu Mohammed had career highs of 23 points and 13 rebounds and Georgetown overcame a 10-point halftime deficit.

UConn

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UCLA 22-14 in the decisive third quarter to retake the lead and never look back. A late run by UCLA, which was partly UConn’s fault after some missed free throws, cut the gap to four and made things interesting late. The Huskies then made just enough shots from the line down the stretch and ward off UCLA’s offense to ensure the win.

UConn’s 43 points on 45% shooting in the second half in particular were confidence-instilling as the Huskies learn how to navigate without Bueckers and await the return of fellow guards Mühl and Fudd.

“You can still play as a team even though you’re missing key components of your team,” Auriemma said. “I think the change [from Thursday] was let’s try to play as a team. Instead of five guys running up and down the floor and hoping something happens, play through each other, play for each other, make things happen for each other. That happened today.”

“This is who we are, and we’re gonna keep continue doing this,” Juhász added.

Aside from Juhász’s season-best game, redshirt senior Evina Westbrook kept the Huskies afloat early with 11 first-half points (17 overall), while freshman Caroline Ducharme tied a career-high with 14, and seniors Christyn Williams (11) and Olivia Nelson-Ododa (10) also chipped in.

Before Nelson-Ododa’s layup with six seconds left in the first, Westbrook had scored all but two of UConn’s points and all of them from the field. The Huskies looked entirely out of sorts and not confident on offense, missing the rim on many of their shots. The problems bled into the early minutes of the second where UConn struggled on both ends. After UConn cut the deficit to five, UCLA stormed ahead by 11 with six unanswered points, forcing Auriemma to call a timeout.

From there UConn finally

Injured Bueckers mulling surgery with Feb. return

By Alexa Philippou
Hartford Courant

NEWARK, N.J. — Head coach Geno Auriemma revealed Sunday that star Paige Bueckers is considering surgery on the tibial plateau fracture in her left knee she sustained last Sunday versus Notre Dame.

If she opts for surgery, it would essentially reset the clock for Bueckers’ six to eight week recovery timeline, and she could potentially return in mid- to late-February, assuming there are no setbacks with her recovery.

“She needed to solicit a couple other opinions,” Auriemma said after the No. 3 Huskies beat UCLA 71-61 in the Never Forget Tribute Classic. “And then the next step is, there’s either going to be surgery or there’s not going to be surgery. And that’s got to

happen relatively soon. Yes or no.

“I think anytime there’s a fracture, that means there’s something that has to be fixed, and you let it be fixed by time or you need to go in there and fix it. So I think by the next couple of days, hopefully we’re gonna have a definitive answer.”

Should Bueckers opt for surgery, she’d miss UConn’s entire remaining nonconference slate, including matchups versus Oregon (Jan. 17), South Carolina (Jan. 27) and Tennessee (Feb. 6).

The Huskies’ schedule around the time Bueckers could return features conference games against Marquette (Feb. 13), Xavier (Feb. 18), Georgetown (Feb. 20), St. John’s (Feb. 25) and Providence (Feb. 27). UConn then starts tournament play with the Big East Tournament and NCAA Tournament.

showed life and got into a groove behind an 11-2 run and seven unanswered points. To close the half, Williams’ drive-and-kick to an open Ducharme 3 made it a two-point game (30-28) going into the break.

After struggling in the first half, Williams scored her first basket of the day, a putback off her own miss, early in the third, pulling UConn within one. After the Bruins answered with a run of their own, UConn punched back with 14 unanswered points, a run initiated by five straight from Juhász.

“I’ve been struggling a little bit helping out my team offensively,” said Juhász, who finished 5-for-5 from the floor and made some big outside jumpers, including a 3. “I think just hitting those shots and getting those rebounds, that

helped a lot to contribute in some positive ways for the team... I was able to help a little bit defensively. I’ve just got to keep learning moving forward.”

Westbrook’s floater gave UConn the lead for the first time since it was 1-0, and Williams then sank her first 3 of the afternoon to extend the advantage to eight. With the Huskies holding the Bruins scoreless from the field for over five minutes, they’d go into the fourth up 50-44.

“There were more clean stops by us, and then being able to get out in a little bit of transition and try to get some baskets early in the shot clock and around the lane. That gave us a little bit of momentum,” Auriemma said. “The team is a much different team right now, so we don’t have



Connecticut forward Dorka Juhasz and UCLA forward Ilmar'i Thomas battle for a rebound Saturday in Newark, New Jersey. **NOAH K. MURRAY/AP**

UConn 71, UCLA 61							
UCLA	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
Osborne	36	8-24	3-5	6	2	0	26
Thomas	38	5-11	0-0	4	2	5	10
Penn	34	5-14	0-0	7	3	3	10
Chou	31	1-11	0-0	2	0	1	3
Owens	22	0-3	0-2	6	1	3	0
Anstey	15	1-1	3-4	8	2	3	5
Onu	8	2-3	0-0	4	0	1	4
Horvat	16	1-3	1-2	1	0	5	3
TOTALS	—	23-70	7-13	44	10	21	61
Three-point goals: 8-31, 25.8(Osborne 7-16, Chou 1-6, Horvat 0-1, Thomas 0-3, Penn 0-5). FG pct.: 32.9. FT pct.: 53.8. Team rebounds: 6. Turnovers: 11(Penn 5, Osborne 2, Owens 2, Onu 2). Blocks: 6(Anstey 2, Thomas, Chou, Owens, Horvat). Steals: 7(Osborne 2, Owens 2, Chou, Anstey, Horvat).							
UConn	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
Westbrook	39	6-15	5-9	7	7	0	17
Juhasz	29	5-5	5-10	16	0	1	16
Ducharme	32	4-13	4-4	2	2	3	14
Williams	37	4-13	1-3	4	3	1	11
N.-Ododa	35	5-8	0-0	8	2	4	10
Edwards	23	1-6	1-2	4	2	1	3
DeBerry	5	0-1	0-0	2	0	2	0
TOTALS	—	25-61	16-28	50	16	12	71
Three-point goals: 5-12, 41.7(Williams 2-3, Ducharme 2-6, Juhasz 1-1, Westbrook 0-1, Edwards 0-1). FG pct.: 41.0. FT pct.: 57.1. Team rebounds: 7. Turnovers: 12(Juhasz 4, Williams 3, Nelson-Ododa 2, Westbrook, Ducharme, Team). Blocks: 5(Ducharme 2, Williams, Nelson-Ododa, Edwards). Steals: 8(Juhasz 2, Nelson-Ododa 2, Westbrook, Ducharme, Williams, Edwards).							
UCLA	17	13	14	17	—	61	
UConn	13	15	22	21	—	71	
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responded with a 13-1 run to pull away. Williams’ layup through contact earned UConn its first double-figure lead before Ducharme added a three and Juhász hit a free throw to make it a 14-point game at the 1:52 mark.


The Bruins made timely shots during a 10-0 run in the final two minutes, while Juhász and Westbrook missed a pair of free throws apiece, allowing the Bruins to close within four with 37.2 to play. The Huskies hit 16 of 28 free throws on the game, but just 9 of 19 in the fourth and at one point missing five straight.

“We did what we set out to do,” Auriemma said. “It’s not going to look pretty anymore. Not for a long time. And that’s OK. We’ve played so much pretty basketball over the years that we’re entitled to play some ugly basketball.”

The Huskies now have a week-long break before their next game, Dec. 19 versus Louisville at Mohegan Sun Arena, but fans shouldn’t hold their breath on seeing some of UConn’s injured players return.

“I’m not hopeful on anything before Christmas,” Auriemma said on Fudd’s status in particular. That’d allow her to have more time to recover, as the Huskies don’t play after that until Dec. 29.

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Safety Tip of the Day

When it comes to buying toys, always read the label. Warning labels give important information about how to use a toy and whether the toy is age appropriate. Also - be sure to show your child how to use the toy the correct way from the very beginning.

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CFP SEMIFINAL COTTON BOWL CLASSIC

No. 4 Cincinnati (13-0) vs. No. 1 Alabama (12-1)
When: 3:30 p.m. Dec. 31 Where: AT&T Stadium, Dallas TV: ESPN
Cincinnati: First appearance in Cotton Bowl, 20th bowl overall.
Alabama: Extending its overall record to 74 bowl games.



CFP SEMIFINAL ORANGE BOWL

No. 3 Georgia (12-1) vs. No. 2 Michigan (12-1)
When: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31 Where: Hard Rock Stadium, Miami TV: ESPN
Georgia: Fourth Orange Bowl appearance, first since 1960, 58th bowl appearance overall.
Michigan: Fourth Orange Bowl appearance, first since 2016 (33-32 loss to Florida State).



CFP National Championship Game: 8 p.m., Monday, Jan. 10 (semifinal winners), Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, ESPN

DEC. 17	Time: Noon TV: ESPN	BAHAMAS BOWL (Nassau, Bahamas) Toledo (7-5) vs. Middle Tennessee (6-6)		MTSU: The Blue Raiders have been to 12 bowl games in their history. Toledo: Jason Candle has guided the Rockets to five bowl games in six years.
	Time: 6 p.m. TV: ESPN2	CURE BOWL (Orlando, Fla.) N. Illinois (9-4) vs. Coastal Carolina (10-2)		Coastal Carolina: The Chanticleers made their first bowl appearance last year. Northern Illinois: The Huskies are 4-9 in 13 prior bowl appearances.
DEC. 18	Time: 11 a.m. TV: ESPN	BOCA RATON BOWL (Boca Raton, Fla.) W. Ky. (8-5) vs. Appalachian St. (10-3)		Appalachian State: Making record seventh bowl appearance in as many years. Western Kentucky: Making eighth bowl appearance in the last 10 seasons overall.
	Time: Noon TV: ABC	CELEBRATION BOWL (Atlanta) SC State (6-5) vs. Jackson St. (11-1)		Jackson State: The Tigers have played in three bowl games, but none since 1971. South Carolina State: The Bulldogs will be appearing in their 14th bowl game.
	Time: 2:15 p.m. TV: ESPN	NEW MEXICO BOWL (Albuquerque) Fresno St. (9-3) vs. UTEP (7-5)		UTEP: Third appearance in New Mexico Bowl, 15th bowl appearance overall. Fresno State: Third appearance in New Mexico Bowl, 25th bowl appearance overall.
	Time: 3:30 p.m. TV: ABC	INDEPENDENCE BOWL (Shreveport, La.) BYU (10-2) vs. UAB (8-4)		BYU: This is Cougars' 39th bowl appearance since 1974 and 16th in the last 17 seasons. UAB: The Blazers have a 1-3 record in four prior bowl appearances.
	Time: 5:45 p.m. TV: ESPN	LENDING TREE BOWL (Mobile, Ala.) E. Michigan (7-5) vs. Liberty (7-5)		Liberty: First appearance in Lending Tree Bowl, third straight bowl game. Eastern Michigan: First appearance in Lending Tree Bowl, sixth bowl appearance overall.
	Time: 7:30 p.m. TV: ABC	LA BOWL (Inglewood, Calif.) Oregon St. (7-5) vs. Utah St. (10-3)		Utah State: Ninth bowl game in last 11 seasons after playing in six in its first 119 years. Oregon State: Eighth bowl game appearance overall and first since 2013.
	Time: 9:15 p.m. TV: ESPN	NEW ORLEANS BOWL (New Orleans) La.-Lafayette (12-2) vs. Marshall (7-5)		Louisiana-Lafayette: Ninth bowl appearance in school history. Marshall: Eighteenth bowl appearance overall and fifth in a row.
	Time: 2:30 p.m. TV: ESPN	MYRTLE BEACH BOWL (Conway, S.C.) Old Dominion (6-6) vs. Tulsa (6-6)		Old Dominion: Just the second time reaching the FBS postseason. Tulsa: First appearance in Myrtle Beach Bowl, 23rd bowl appearance in school history.
DEC. 21	Time: 3:30 p.m. TV: ESPN	FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL (Boise, Idaho) Kent State (7-6) vs. Wyoming (6-6)		Wyoming: Second appearance in Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, 17th bowl overall. Kent State: First appearance in Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, fourth bowl overall.
	Time: 7:30 p.m. TV: ESPN	FRISCO BOWL (Frisco, Texas) UTSA (12-1) vs. San Diego St. (11-2)		UTSA: Roadrunners making their second straight bowl appearance, third overall. San Diego State: Aztecs are playing in their 16th bowl game overall.
DEC. 22	Time: 8 p.m. TV: ESPN	ARMED FORCES BOWL (Fort Worth, Texas) Missouri (6-6) vs. Army (8-3)		Army: Fourth Armed Forces Bowl berth, 3-0 record. Tenth bowl bid overall. Missouri: First Armed Forces Bowl berth, 34th bowl game overall.
DEC. 23	Time: 3:30 p.m. TV: ESPN	FRISCO FOOTBALL CLASSIC (Frisco, Texas) Miami, Ohio (7-5) vs. North Texas (6-6)		North Texas: First appearance in Frisco Football Classic, 13th in school history. Miami, Ohio: First appearance in the Frisco Football Classic, 13th in school history.
	Time: 7 p.m. TV: ESPN	GASPARILLA BOWL (Tampa, Fla.) UCF (8-4) vs. Florida (6-6)		UCF: Fifth appearance in Gasparilla Bowl, ninth postseason trip in past 10 years. Florida: Forty-eighth postseason game in program history.
DEC. 24	Time: 8 p.m. TV: ESPN	HAWAII BOWL (Honolulu) Memphis (6-6) vs. Hawaii (6-7)		Memphis: First appearance in Hawaii Bowl, 15th bowl appearance overall and eighth straight. Hawaii: Tenth appearance in Hawaii Bowl, 15th bowl appearance overall.
DEC. 25	Time: 2:30 p.m. TV: ESPN	CAMELLIA BOWL (Montgomery, Ala.) Ball St. (6-6) vs. Georgia St. (7-5)		Ball State: First appearance in the Camellia Bowl, 11th in school history. Georgia State: Third straight bowl game under coach Shawn Elliott.
DEC. 27	Time: 11 a.m. TV: ESPN	QUICK LANE BOWL (Detroit) Nevada (8-4) vs. W. Michigan (7-5)		Western Michigan: Eleventh bowl appearance overall, 1-9 bowl record. Nevada: Fourth straight bowl appearance, 19th bowl appearance in school history.
	Time: 2:30 p.m. TV: ESPN	MILITARY BOWL (Annapolis, Md.) Boston College (6-6) vs. East Carolina (7-5)		East Carolina: Second appearance in the Military Bowl, first bowl game since 2014. Boston College: Making its 29th bowl appearance overall.
DEC. 28	Time: Noon TV: ESPN	BIRMINGHAM BOWL (Birmingham, Ala.) Houston (11-2) vs. Auburn (6-6)		Auburn: Making 46th bowl appearance, second in the Birmingham Bowl. Houston: Making 29th bowl appearance, 14th in the last 17 seasons.
	Time: 3:15 p.m. TV: ESPN	SERVPRO FIRST RESPONDER BOWL (Dallas) Air Force (9-3) vs. Louisville (6-6)		Air Force: First appearance in the First Responder Bowl, 28th bowl game overall. Louisville: First appearance in the First Responder Bowl, 24th bowl game overall.
	Time: 6:45 p.m. TV: ESPN	LIBERTY BOWL (Memphis, Tenn.) Mississippi St. (7-5) vs. Texas Tech (6-6)		Mississippi State: Twelfth consecutive bowl appearance, going 7-4 during that stretch. Texas Tech: First postseason trip since 2017 and first appearance in the Liberty Bowl.
	Time: 8 p.m. TV: FOX	HOLIDAY BOWL (San Diego) UCLA (8-4) vs. NC State (9-3)		UCLA: Second appearance in Holiday Bowl, 37th bowl appearance overall. NC State: First appearance in Holiday Bowl, 34th bowl appearance overall.
	Time: 10:15 p.m. TV: ESPN	GUARANTEED RATE BOWL (Phoenix) Minnesota (8-4) vs. West Virginia (6-6)		Minnesota: Third bowl appearance in five seasons under coach P.J. Fleck. West Virginia: Thirty-ninth bowl appearance in school history.
DEC. 29	Time: 11 a.m. TV: ESPN	FENWAY BOWL (Boston) Virginia (6-6) vs. SMU (8-4)		SMU: Playing in its 19th bowl game. Virginia: Playing in its 22nd bowl game.
	Time: 2:15 p.m. TV: ESPN	PINSTRIPES BOWL (New York) Virginia Tech (6-6) vs. Maryland (6-6)		Maryland: First bowl berth since the 2016 Quick Lane Bowl. Virginia Tech: Hokies have been bowl eligible for 29 straight seasons (opted out in 2020).
	Time: 5:45 p.m. TV: ESPN	CHEEZ-IT BOWL (Orlando, Fla.) Clemson (9-3) vs. Iowa St. (7-5)		Iowa State: Coach Matt Campbell is 2-2 in bowl games with the Cyclones. Clemson: CFP regulars extended their school-record bowl streak to 17 seasons.
	Time: 9:15 p.m. TV: ESPN	ALAMO BOWL (San Antonio) Oklahoma (10-2) vs. Oregon (10-3)		Oregon: Third appearance in Alamo Bowl, 35th bowl appearance overall. Oklahoma: First appearance in Alamo Bowl, 55th bowl appearance.
DEC. 30	Time: 11:30 a.m. TV: ESPN	DUKE'S MAYO BOWL (Charlotte, N.C.) South Carolina (6-6) vs. North Carolina (6-6)		North Carolina: 1-3 in Charlotte bowl games, 15-20 all-time in the postseason. South Carolina: 9-14 in bowl games but has won five of the last seven.
	Time: 3 p.m. TV: ESPN	MUSIC CITY BOWL (Nashville) Purdue (8-4) vs. Tennessee (7-5)		Purdue: Second appearance in Music City Bowl, first since losing 63-18 to Auburn in 2018. Tennessee: Third appearance in Music City Bowl, first since topping Nebraska in 2016.
	Time: 7 p.m. TV: ESPN	PEACH BOWL (Atlanta) Michigan St. (10-2) vs. Pittsburgh (11-2)		Pitt: The Panthers' last New Year's Six game came following the 2004 season. Michigan State: The Spartans are 13-16 in bowls in their history.
	Time: 10:30 p.m. TV: ESPN	LAS VEGAS BOWL (Las Vegas) Wisconsin (8-4) vs. Arizona St. (8-4)		Wisconsin: Badgers going bowling for the 20th consecutive season. Arizona State: ASU will play in its 33rd bowl game and ninth bowl in past 10 seasons.
DEC. 31 (see CFP semifinal game info at top)	Time: 11 a.m. TV: ESPN	GATOR BOWL (Jacksonville, Fla.) Wake Forest (10-3) vs. Texas A&M (8-4)		Wake Forest: Deacons will make a school-record sixth consecutive bowl appearance. Texas A&M: Aggies are 20-22 lifetime in bowls.
	Time: Noon TV: CBS	SUN BOWL (El Paso, Texas) Washington St. (7-5) vs. Miami (7-5)		Washington St.: Will be the 17th bowl game for the Cougars, sixth in seven seasons. Miami: Ninth straight bowl appearance, 45th in school history.
	Time: 2 p.m. TV: TBD	ARIZONA BOWL (Tucson, Ariz.) Central Michigan (8-4) vs. Boise St. (7-5)		Boise State: Twenty-fourth consecutive season earning bowl eligibility. Central Michigan: Thirteenth bowl appearance in school history, 11th in past 16
JAN. 1	Time: Noon TV: ESPN2	OUTBACK BOWL (Tampa, Fla.) Arkansas (8-4) vs. Penn St. (7-5)		Arkansas: Hogs are playing their first bowl game since the 2016 Belk Bowl. Penn State: Nittany Lions are 30-18-2 lifetime in bowls.
	Time: 1 p.m. TV: ABC	CITRUS BOWL (Orlando, Fla.) Iowa (10-3) vs. Kentucky (9-3)		Kentucky: Wildcats have won their past three bowl games. Iowa: First Citrus Bowl since topping LSU 30-25 in 2005 on game's final play.
	Time: 1 p.m. TV: ESPN	FIESTA BOWL (Glendale, Ariz.) Notre Dame (11-1) vs. Oklahoma St. (11-2)		Notre Dame: Fifth straight bowl appearance, 40th overall. Oklahoma State: Fifth trip to a New Year's Six bowl since 2010, 32nd overall.
	Time: 5 p.m. TV: ESPN	ROSE BOWL (Pasadena, Calif.) Ohio St. (10-2) vs. Utah (10-3)		Ohio State: Sixteenth appearance in Rose Bowl, 6-3 record in CFP era. Utah: First trip to a New Year's Six game since 2009 Sugar Bowl.
JAN. 4	Time: 8:45 p.m. TV: ESPN	SUGAR BOWL (New Orleans) Baylor (11-2) vs. Ole Miss (10-2)		Baylor: Third appearance in Sugar Bowl, second in three seasons, 26th bowl overall. Ole Miss: Ninth appearance in Sugar Bowl, second in six seasons, 39th overall.
	Time: 9 p.m. TV: ESPN	TEXAS BOWL (Houston) LSU (6-6) vs. Kansas St. (7-5)		Kansas State: Third Texas Bowl appearance, 23rd bowl appearance overall. LSU: Second Texas Bowl appearance. The Tigers beat Texas Tech 56-27 in 2015.

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Olympic leaders criticize FIFA

Olympic leaders aimed their ire at FIFA's president over his push for staging more World Cups, during an IOC-hosted meeting that Tibetan students tried to interrupt on Saturday in a protest against the Beijing Winter Games. FIFA president Gianni Infantino's plan to stage men's and women's World Cups every two years instead of four was previously criticized by the IOC which put it on the agenda for the annual "Olympic Summit" debate of influential sports bodies. "The attendees voiced serious concerns over proposals from FIFA for a biennial World Cup and the impact on the worldwide sport event calendar," the International Olympic Committee said in a statement. Before the heated words inside the online meeting that Infantino attended, several activists from the Students for a Free Tibet group tried to get into the IOC headquarters. "We have engaged multiple times with peaceful protestors and explained our position," the IOC said in a statement, "but we will not engage with violent protestors who used force to enter the IOC building and injured a security guard badly by doing so." Local police were called to help block the activists who continued to sit at the front doors and hold up banners.

Verstappen in top spot for F1 finale



A first Formula One championship for Max Verstappen was in reach after masterful Red Bull strategy helped the Dutchman overcome an early qualifying mistake to beat Lewis Hamilton for the top starting spot in the title-deciding Abu Dhabi GP. Verstappen flat-spotted his medium tires in Saturday qualifying, which forced Red Bull to blueprint a plan to give its star any sort of edge over his rival. Sergio Perez was tasked to help and went out first in the final qualifying segment — a move that allowed Perez to tow Verstappen down the long straight at Yas Marina Circuit before Perez bailed out and sacrificed his own lap to aid his teammate. Verstappen clocked his lap at at 1 minute, 22.109-seconds, good enough to hold off Hamilton by .371-seconds. The pole-sitter has won in Abu Dhabi the last six years, including Verstappen's victory last season when he led all 55 laps around the yacht-filled marina. He refused to presume his pole-winning run guaranteed that Verstappen will dethrone Hamilton's run of four consecutive titles and become F1's first Dutch world champion.

Premier League title race intensifies

The English Premier League's top three kept up the furious pace of their title race by picking up hard-fought wins on Saturday. Manchester City maintained its one-point lead after Raheem Sterling's 100th league goal secured a 1-0 home win over Wolverhampton in the early kickoff, and chasing duo Liverpool and Chelsea responded with slim victories of their own. Aston Villa manager Steven Gerrard's return to Anfield nearly dealt a damaging blow to Liverpool's title hopes but Mohamed Salah's penalty in the 67th minute secured a 1-0 win for the Reds after goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez frustrated the hosts. At Stamford Bridge, Jorginho had to convert two spot kicks for Chelsea to beat Leeds 3-2. His first penalty in the 58th put Chelsea up 2-1 but Joe Gelhardt equalized in the 83rd. Liverpool remained in second place with Chelsea another point back in third. City was fortunate to come away with a sixth straight league win after Pep Guardiola's team was awarded a disputed spot kick for handball when Joao Moutinho blocked a cross from Bernardo Silva with his arm outstretched. Wolves argued the ball hit his armpit, but the decision was upheld after a VAR review. Sterling converted the penalty straight down the middle. —AP



Rasul Douglas has given the Packers' defense a spark since they signed him off the Cardinals' practice squad. MORRY GASH/AP

NFL

Benefit of the doubt

Packers found something in Douglas others missed

By Steve Megargee
Associated Press

Packers cornerback Rasul Douglas never lost hope that he could produce in the NFL even as he struggled to earn a roster spot earlier this year. His faith has been rewarded. Since Green Bay signed him off the Arizona Cardinals' practice squad in early October, Douglas has delivered two of the biggest plays any Packers defender has produced all season. He made a game-clinching interception in the final minute of a 24-21 victory at Arizona and scored on a 33-yard interception return in a 36-28 triumph over the Los Angeles Rams. "I always knew what I could do in the league," Douglas said. "It was just about me getting the chance." Douglas' improbable emergence exemplifies how the Packers have overcome multitudes of injuries to rank among the league's top defenses. Green Bay has played most of the season without outside linebacker Za'Darius Smith and cornerback Jaire Alexander, who were both second-team selections in 2020 All-Pro balloting. Smith has been out with a back injury since the season opener. Alexander returned to practice this week but remains on injured reserve after hurting his right shoulder on Oct. 3. Yet the Packers (9-3) still are headed toward their third straight NFC North title thanks in part to a defense that ranks fifth in points allowed per game and seventh in yards allowed per game

and yards allowed per play under new coordinator Joe Barry. There's been no bigger surprise on that defense than Douglas, who was the NFC defensive player of last week after scoring on his interception return and having four passes defended against the Rams. "How was this guy on the practice squad?" Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers asked after the Rams game. "The dude has made so many plays for us." Douglas, 26, wasn't a complete unknown heading into this season. The 2017 third-round pick from West Virginia made a combined 29 starts in a four-season stretch that included stints with the Philadelphia Eagles (2017-19) and Carolina Panthers (2020). That explains why Douglas remained confident he eventually would catch on somewhere. "I've always shown it in practice and against my teammates and stuff," Douglas said. "They all knew, 'Yeah, you're going to be a good player when you actually do get the chance,' and I've done it before. I've been to the playoffs, Super Bowl, NFC championships. It's not like I haven't done it to where I lose faith in myself, like 'Oh yeah, you never done it.' I've always done it. It's just how long could I do it?" His chance came when the Packers signed him Oct. 6. Three weeks later, Douglas was back in Arizona facing his former team as Kyler Murray was driving the Cardinals toward a potential go-ahead touchdown in the final minute. The Cardinals had second-and-goal at the 5 when Douglas picked off a pass in the end zone with 12 seconds left.

Douglas has remained a big part of Green Bay's secondary ever since as the Packers have dealt with injuries to Alexander and cornerback Kevin King, who has missed six games due to a variety of health-related issues. "Very rarely is there a lot of cushion between him and whoever he's guarding," Packers coach Matt LaFleur said. "He is always right there in position to make a play on the ball." His tireless work ethic could enable Douglas to maintain some sort of role even after Alexander returns to action. Barry notes that he often has gone down to the cafeteria as late as 8 p.m. on a Wednesday and Thursday to find Douglas studying film. Defensive backs coach Jerry Gray said Douglas asked him if they could meet at 6 a.m. for film sessions. Douglas says those early-morning meetings with Gray helped him discover how to study game tapes in an entirely different way. Asked how he knows when he's finally ready to come home after a long day of study, Douglas noted: "If my eyes start getting sleepy and I start saying to myself that I need a coffee, then it's time to go." LaFleur raves about the competitiveness Douglas shows during every practice rep. Douglas works with the attitude of someone who understands all too well that he can't take anything for granted. "I always compete," Douglas said. "I always want to be the best. Even my family, they'll tell me, 'Everything's not a competition.' Then what is it? I'm not about to do something and half-butt it, you know what I'm saying? I'm going to put everything (into it) and try to do it as good as I can."

NFL PREDICTIONS

Week 14

By Sam Farmer | Los Angeles Times

Last week's record: 8-6. Season: 117-76-1.



Saints (5-7) at Jets (3-9)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Saints by 5. O/U: 43. The Jets can surprise, but the Saints might have too much for them. Taysom Hill brings a different dynamic at quarterback, and that Saints front seven can bring heat and stop the run. **Saints 27, Jets 14**



Ravens (8-4) at Browns (6-6)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Browns by 2 1/2. O/U: 42 1/2. Baltimore just can't seem to get that running game revved up. The Browns are getting healthier in their ground game, and between Nick Chubb and Kareem Hunt they control the clock in this one. **Browns 23, Ravens 17**



Raiders (6-6) at Chiefs (8-4)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Chiefs by 10. O/U: 47 1/2. Hard to know which Raiders will show up. The Chiefs offense is struggling but that defense is playing great. The Raiders can rush four, but the secondary is meh. Go with team that's won four straight. **Chiefs 28, Raiders 24**



Jaguars (2-10) at Titans (8-4)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Titans by 8 1/2. O/U: 43 1/2. Tennessee is fresh after a week off and will continue to tweak running game. Jaguars can play physical but just aren't very good. Tennessee's defense is a bit overrated but is a wrecking ball up the middle. **Titans 27, Jaguars 17**



Falcons (5-7) at Panthers (5-7)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Panthers by 2 1/2. O/U: 41 1/2. Joe Brady is out as offensive coordinator in Carolina, and that could give the Panthers a little adrenaline boost. Watch for Cam Newton to tuck it and run the read-option a lot. Atlanta's offense is decent. **Panthers 24, Falcons 20**



Seahawks (4-8) at Texans (2-10)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Seahawks by 8 1/2. O/U: 40 1/2. QB Tyrod Taylor is hurt, so Texans are starting Davis Mills. Their defense looks pretty decent at times. Russell Wilson is going to keep getting better as his finger improves and should get the job done. **Seahawks 24, Texans 13**



Cowboys (8-4) at Washington (6-6)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Cowboys by 4 1/2. O/U: 48. Washington has won four in a row and is gaining confidence. Logan Thomas is out, and although Washington will run it pretty well, keeping pace with the Dallas passing game could be a problem. **Cowboys 28, Washington 23**



Lions (1-10-1) at Broncos (6-6)
Sunday, 4:05 p.m. Line: Broncos by 10 1/2. O/U: 42 1/2. The one-win Lions aren't very good, but they put up a good fight for Dan Campbell. The Broncos defense will dictate this one and Denver turns in a bounce-back performance for the victory. **Broncos 23, Lions 17**



Giants (4-8) at Chargers (7-5)
Sunday, 4:05 p.m. Line: Chargers by 9. O/U: 43. The Chargers are banged up but did a good job of stopping the run at Cincinnati. The Giants are going to try to run a lot — they're not going to be throwing it all over with Jake Fromm — but L.A. survives. **Chargers 24, Giants 13**



49ers (6-6) at Bengals (7-5)
Sunday, 4:25 p.m. Line: 49ers by 1 1/2. O/U: 48 1/2. This is a game-of-the-week candidate. The 49ers are desperate and they're capable of winning here. The Bengals are certainly good enough to hold strong but a lot hinges on the pinkie of Joe Burrow. **Bengals 27, 49ers 23**



Bills (7-5) at Buccaneers (9-3)
Sunday, 4:25 p.m. Line: Bucs by 3 1/2. O/U: 53 1/2. The Bills can't consistently run — unless it's Josh Allen taking off — and don't do a great job of stopping the run. That's not a good combination as the playoffs near. **Buccaneers 28, Bills 21**



Bears (4-8) at Packers (9-3)
Sunday, 8:20 p.m. Line: Packers by 12. O/U: 43. Chicago ran well on Arizona but after four Andy Dalton picks, injured Justin Fields (ribs) returns. Green Bay is just better and at home. Aaron Rodgers and Aaron Jones should feel good after a week off. **Packers 31, Bears 17**



Rams (8-4) at Cardinals (10-2)
Monday, 8:15 p.m. Line: Cardinals by 2. O/U: 51 1/2. Before falling to the Cardinals at home earlier this season, the Sean McVay-coached Rams had never lost to them. **Rams 33, Cardinals 28**
Open: Colts, Dolphins, Patriots, Eagles

HIGH SCHOOLS

CROSS COUNTRY

Conard's Sherry takes 3rd at Eastbay

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

Conard senior Gavin Sherry finished third at the Eastbay national cross country championships in San Diego Saturday afternoon.

Sherry, the New England, State Open and Class L champion, finished the 5,000-meter course at Balboa Park in 15:17.3, behind Riley Hough of Fenton, Mich. (15:11.4) and Keenan Pala of San Diego (15:14.8).

"It was a tough race, just as I thought it would be," Sherry said.

Sherry took the lead after the first mile and led until there were 600 meters to go, when Hough surged and overtook him.

"When we got to the bottom of the hill, Riley passed me," Sherry said. "About 100 meters, Keenan passed me. I didn't really have much left at the end."

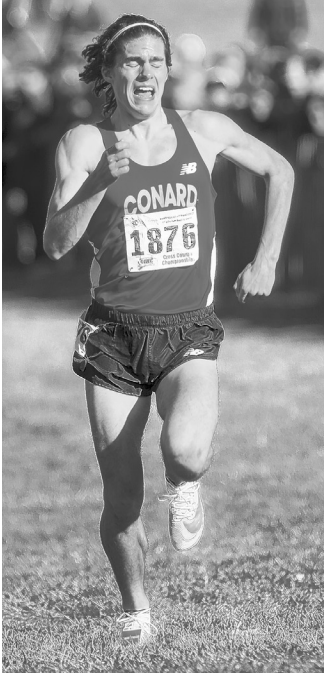
Manchester senior Aidan Puffer was 13th (15:33.9), Newington's Michael Bohkle finished 24th (15:53.1) and East Lyme's Luke Anthony was 26th (15:53.7).

Sherry, who is going to Stanford next year along with his twin brother Callum, won the Eastbay (formerly Foot Locker) Northeast regional race in 15:05.8, breaking Donn Cabral's 2007 record (15:09). He had finished 14th in the national race (15:36.8) in 2019 and was the fastest sophomore that year. The race was not held last year due to COVID-19.

Sherry said the outcome fired him up for the upcoming indoor and outdoor seasons.

"I'm ready for fast indoor and outdoor [times] and hopefully run some blazing miles and two-miles," Sherry said.

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Gavin Sherry finished third in the Eastbay national cross country championship Saturday in San Diego. COURANT FILE PHOTO

FOOTBALL

Darien takes its eighth state title

Staff report

TRUMBULL — The Darien High football team overwhelmed Fairfield Prep, 42-7, to win the Class LL championship in the second game at Trumbull High on Saturday.

Senior Tighe Cummiskey rushed for 180 yards, including a 40-yard touchdown run, to lead the Blue Wave (12-1) to its first championship since 2017. Jeremiah Stafford, also a senior, scored three rushing TDs in the second half.

Quarterback Mike Drake threw for a touchdown and ran for another.

It's the eighth state title for Darien, which won three in a row from 2015-17, but the first for coach Mike Forget, who finished his first season. The Blue Wave are likely to be ranked No. 1 in the New London Day's Top 10 coaches poll, which comes out Monday.

Fairfield Prep (11-2) was trying for its first state title since 1988.



Cromwell's Ben Fagan gains yards during the first half of the Class S state football championship game against Bloomfield in Trumbull, Conn., Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

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of scrimmage and fumble recovering on defense.

"He's the best player in the state, no doubt," quarterback Cole Brisson said. "He's just carried us this whole year. He was the one that worked the hardest in the weight room since his sophomore year, so once we started getting passing leagues and I saw his routes, how he was stronger and faster, I just knew he was going to be the guy for us. Any time he has the ball, we think he's going to score; he's going to make them miss somehow."

When Williams, a senior from the Portland side of the co-op, stepped out of the morning mist and onto the field at Trumbull High, he might well have been emerging from the past, wearing a leather helmet.

His game is reminiscent of that era, always around the ball and usually finding it. At 6 feet 1 and 180 pounds, he might not fit the prototype of any particular position. He's a 'football player' for those who appreciate all that term implies.

"Teddy's been that guy all year," coach Randell Bennett said. "I don't know what the recruiters are doing. That kid doesn't have a scholarship yet. He's been light's out all year, and we can't get guys to come and look at him. 'We don't play anybody.' I don't know what it is. He's gone up against the best, he's dominated. He's been a dominant player in every facet of the game. You tell me, man."

It would take eyes better trained than mine to say what

level of college football Williams could play, but it would be hard to envision a high school player who conquered his once-in-a-lifetime moment more thoroughly.

After their undefeated regular season, Cromwell-Portland defeated Notre Dame-Fairfield in the quarterfinals, he caught nine passes for 236 yards and scored on a 32-yard run. Then he caught five TD passes in the win over Ansonia in the semis.

On Saturday, he was in the right spot to pick up teammate Ben Fagan, who made a nice catch and was headed for a score on the first drive of the game. Bloomfield stripped the ball, but Williams recovered in the end zone.

On the second drive, he gained 76 yards himself, on three rushes and a 46-yard catch and run for the TD. Bennett likes using him on "Jet sweeps," and with his nose for daylight Williams usually decides correctly whether to take them in or out.

Late in the first half, Williams broke tackles after a catch to reach the marker on 4th-and-19, one of the three times he converted.

Williams recovered a fumble to stop a Bloomfield drive in the third quarter, and, after the Warhawks had scored and seemed to have momentum, he was there to catch a desperate pass from Darrien Foster and he returned it 66 yards for the score that ended most of the suspense. Williams did gain 11 yards on a Jet sweep for the first down that allowed Cromwell-Portland to run out the clock.

Of course, he didn't win the game himself. The Panthers got precise game-management from Brisson, good, hard running

by Alexander Hair, swarming team defense. But the ball finds energy, and with all the dreams of two years on the line, it kept finding Williams.

Coming off their 2-8 season and sitting out the COVID-cancelled year of 2020, Bennett, who played on Cromwell's first team, studied films endlessly to come up with plays that might work while his players worked tirelessly in the weight room. Along the way, he had several chats with Williams, talking about how he could take his wide array of skills to a new level.

"He didn't sit back," Bennett said. "We had a conversation where I told him where his game could grow, and he just said, 'Okay, let's work on it.'"

Ansonia, with its 20 state titles, Bloomfield, with its nine, those are towns known for football, the route to the ring in Class S goes through them. Now, it makes a detour through Cromwell and Portland, champs for the first time as a co-op.

"We've always been a football town," Williams said, "we just want our respect. We go 10-0, no respect, we beat Notre Dame, no-respect, beat Ansonia, no respect. We beat Bloomfield, now we're the state champs."

Maybe some couldn't have fathomed it, if they hadn't seen "Teddy Ballgame" play before Saturday. That's what the Cromwell and Portland students chanted as he walked off the field, back toward the mist.

Right nickname, wrong sport, right idea.

"I just like being a football player," Williams said. "I like being an athlete. I want the ball on every down. I want to be the dude that everyone can rely on."

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FOOTBALL

Killingly beats Rockville for title

Coach notches 100th career win in Class M championship game

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

NEW BRITAIN — James the Ram, the Rockville football team's live mascot, was on the sideline Saturday. So was Rockville's most famous football alumni, former NFL player Bill Romanowski, who made good on his promise to come back and watch his alma mater play in its first state championship game since 1995.

The support and the old traditions brought back to life by Rockville coach Erick Knickerbocker were in place for the Rams for their Class M championship game against Killingly.

But in the end, Killingly's physicality and championship experience proved to be too much. Killingly won its fourth state title, 28-14, Saturday afternoon at Veterans Stadium. It was the 100th career win for Killingly coach Chad Neal.

Sophomore Soren Rief had two touchdowns for top-seeded Killingly, which finished the season undefeated at 12-0, in the second half, and carried the ball 17 times for 183 yards, while senior Jack Sharpe ran for 102 yards and a first-quarter touchdown.

"It was the only goal we had," Sharpe said. "Every single playoff win, we were not satisfied. We had no celebrating. We wanted to win the state championship or nothing would have mattered to us."

Rockville quarterback Matt Ryan completed 16 of 27 passes for 219 yards and had a touchdown pass to Deshaun Perry in the fourth quarter.

"They made more plays than us," Ryan said. "We drove down the field a couple times, but we couldn't execute and they did and that's what won them this game. "They were very physical. We definitely lost the physical battle but we played our hearts out."

Killingly started the scoring with a seven-play drive that ended with a 10-yard touchdown run by Sharpe. The conversion failed and Killingly led 6-0.

Rockville came back with a 7-yard touchdown run by Travon Edmondson with 8:36 left in the second quarter. Michael Naylor's kick gave the Rams a 7-6 lead.

On the next series, Killingly quarterback Thomas Dreiholz was intercepted by Hason Green but the Rams were pinned at their own 2 and struggled to move against Killingly's defense. On 3rd and 11, Rockville quarterback Matt Ryan was intercepted by Ben Jax, who ran the ball into the end zone from the 15 for a Killingly touchdown and a 14-7 lead with 6:52 left in the half.

Rief's first touchdown came with 6:42 left in the third quarter on a 16-yard run and his second came with 41 seconds left in the quarter, when he broke three tackles and scored from the 28 to give Killingly a 28-7 lead.

Rockville looked to mount a comeback, scoring early in the fourth quarter on a 29-yard pass from Ryan to his brother John to cut the lead to 28-14 but the Rams couldn't get anything else going.

"I think the one thing for the players and the coaches is the experience," Knickerbocker said. "Killingly's been here a lot. They just made a couple more plays. I can't tell how proud I am of our kids, especially when they got down 21 and they just battled, battled, battled. You see a lot of teams crumble against Killingly because that's what they do to you, they just wear you out."

"We refused to quit and we had a chance to score there and really make it interesting."

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Rockville's Hason Green catches a pass as Killingly's Colby Lopes defends in the first half of the Class M championship game in New Britain. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT



Maloney's Angel Arce (3) is congratulated by Joshua Boganski (24) after scoring in the second half. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

led 7-0 with 5:31 left in the first quarter but Maloney tied it up in the second quarter with a 5-yard run by Boganski.

Maloney scored to go ahead 14-7 with 29 seconds left in the first half on a 6-yard run by Boganski.

Windsor started to mount a comeback late in the third quarter with Maloney leading 28-7. The Warriors got on the board in the second half with a Shawn Bell 1-yard touchdown and then scored again on an 87-yard pass from Cromartie to Bell to cut Maloney's lead to 28-21.

But Maloney capped the scor-

ing with Arce touchdown and the defense was able to hold off Windsor the rest of the game.

"We've been showing it all year, our defense is great," senior linebacker Kenny McMillan said. "Windsor is a great team, they had a few big plays and they have some athletes on their team. We trust our defense and we know when it comes down to it, we can get the stops we need."

"It feels awesome knowing our name is always going to be in Maloney history."

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WEATHER

SUNDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Becoming mostly sunny, breezy and cooler. West wind at 10 to 15 mph.

HIGH 45° LOW 28°

MONDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Sunny, breezy and turning milder.

HIGH 53° LOW 30°

TUESDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny and milder than normal.

HIGH 50° LOW 32°

WEDNESDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mixed clouds and sunshine, a bit cooler.

HIGH 47° LOW 40°

THURSDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly cloudy, chance for a shower, quite mild.

HIGH 60° LOW 42°

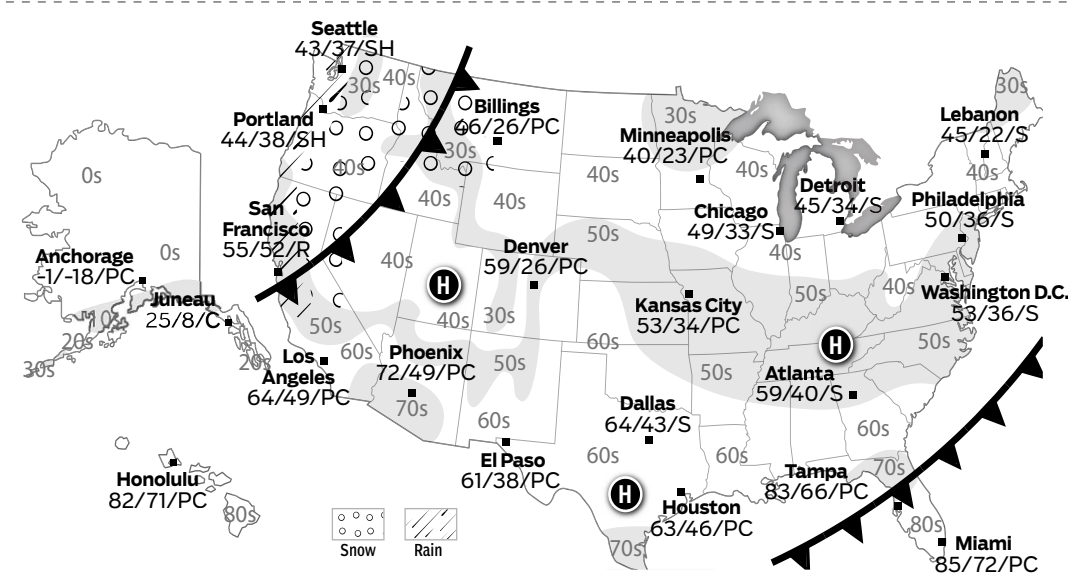
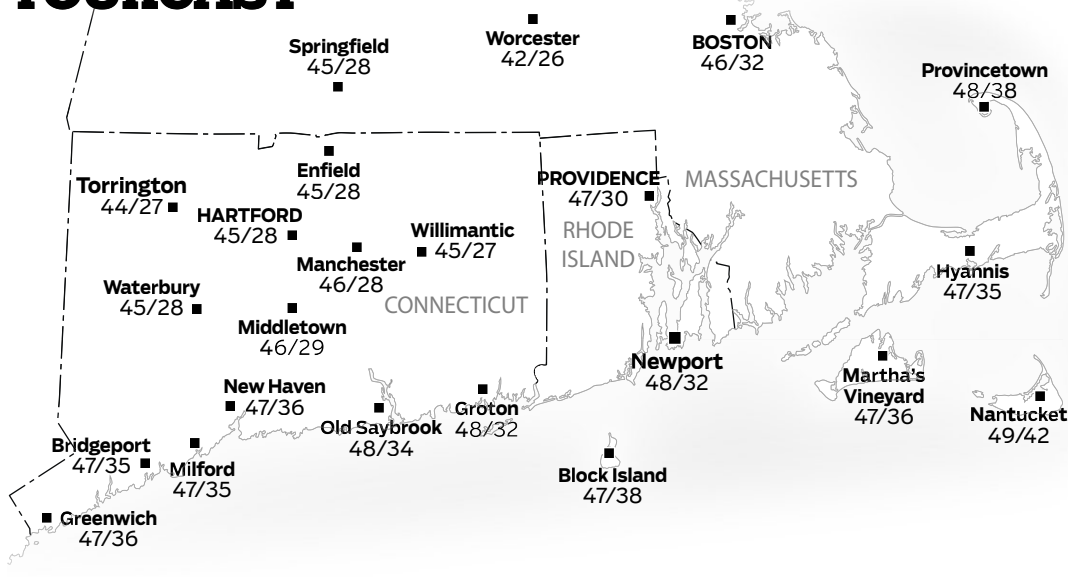
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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

A departing frontal system will leave some lingering morning clouds on Sunday, then high pressure will build in during the afternoon bringing a sunny sky. It will be breezy with west winds at 10 to 15 mph and peak gusts up to 35 mph, especially in eastern portions of the state. Temperatures will be seasonable with highs in the 40s. Monday and Tuesday will be mostly sunny and milder with highs in the low to mid-50s. It should cool a bit on Wednesday with highs in the mid to upper 40s, then Thursday is expected to be the mildest day of the week with highs around 60 degrees.

-Gary Lessor

ALMANAC

Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.29	0.14
Month to date	0.86	1.54
Total this year	52.85	44.51
Snowfall In Inches		
Yesterday (by 4 p.m.)	0.0	0.2
Total this year	2.1	4.8

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

Air Quality Forecast For Today

Good 25

Low 1

37°

Air Quality Today

Ultraviolet Index Today

Wind Chill Today

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	7:08 a.m.	7:09 a.m.
Sunset	4:20 p.m.	4:20 p.m.
Moonrise	1:10 p.m.	1:31 p.m.
Moonset	12:40 a.m.	1:43 a.m.

Moon Phase

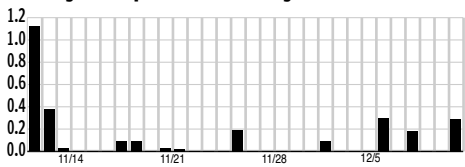
Full Dec 18

Last Dec 26

New Jan 2

First Jan 9

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	4:14 a.m.	10:44 a.m.	51°
	4:29 p.m.	10:56 p.m.	
Saybrook Jetty	5:25 a.m.	11:37 a.m.	49°
	5:40 p.m.	11:49 p.m.	
Connecticut River at Portland	8:08 a.m.	2:42 a.m.	
	8:23 p.m.	3:23 p.m.	
Madison	5:31 a.m.	11:47 a.m.	47°
	5:55 p.m.		
New Haven	5:51 a.m.		46°
	6:15 p.m.	12:11 p.m.	
Stamford	5:55 a.m.		48°
	6:19 p.m.	12:25 p.m.	

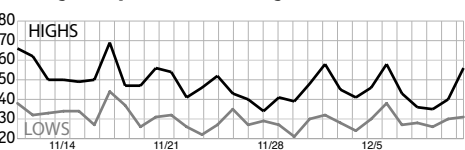
River Stage at Hartford: 5.05 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Wind	W, 15-20	W, 15-20	NW, 20-25
Seas	2-4 ft.	3-5 ft.	3-5 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Saturday	57 at 6:51 p.m.	31 at 12:30 a.m.
Normal for date	42	26
Record for date	64 in 1966	-6 in 1958
A year ago	52	24
Range this year	99	1

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - Dec 11	1275	1492	1292

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.13 at 12 a.m.	29.54 at 6 p.m.
Dew point	55° at 6 p.m.	27° at 12 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor	40 36 PC
Burlington	45 32 PC
Caribou	30 26 PC
Concord	45 22 S
Montpelier	41 23 PC
Mt. Wash.	16 12 PC
Portland	45 27 S
Woods Hole	45 34 S

NATION

Albany	46 30 S
Albuquerque	52 31 S
Atlantic City	51 26 S

Baltimore	51 29 S
Bismarck	46 17 PC
Boise	43 38 C
Buffalo	46 35 PC
Charleston	64 42 PC
Cincinnati	49 30 S
Cleveland	48 33 S
Indianapolis	47 32 S
Jacksonville	68 54 C
Las Vegas	55 38 PC
Miami Beach	81 74 PC
Milwaukee	46 32 S

Nashville	50 30 S
New Orleans	63 52 PC
New York	50 38 S
Okla. City	61 38 PC
Omaha	54 25 S
Orlando	82 63 PC
Pittsburgh	46 28 PC
Raleigh	58 35 S
St. Louis	55 36 S
Salt Lake City	43 30 C
San Antonio	64 47 PC
San Diego	65 51 PC

WORLD

San Juan	84 75 C
Tucson	73 47 S
Budapest	39 27 PC
Buenos Aires	81 66 T
Cairo	76 59 C
Cancun	84 73 PC
Dubai	79 66 S
Dublin	55 37 C
Edinburgh	48 43 C
Helsinki	36 32 SN
Hong Kong	77 61 S
Istanbul	61 54 SH
Jerusalem	72 57 C
Johannesburg	73 61 SH
Singapore	90 73 T

Kingston	87 74 SH
Lisbon	64 48 PC
London	55 52 C
Madrid	57 36 S
Mexico City	73 46 PC
Milan	45 32 C
Montreal	37 36 PC
Moscow	26 24 S
Nassau	84 72 PC
Moscow	75 48 PC
Paris	52 45 C
Prague	34 32 C
Rio de Janeiro	95 75 R
Rome	52 32 C
Seoul	39 19 C
Singapore	90 73 T

Stockholm	32 25 C
Sydney	73 59 SH
Tel Aviv	77 58 PC
Tokyo	63 43 C
Toronto	43 34 S
Vancouver	39 37 SH
Warsaw	32 27 S

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Navy QB Tai Lavatai rushes against Army cornerback Cameron Jones during the second half of their game Saturday in East Rutherford, N.J. Navy won 17-13. ADAM HUNGER/AP

NAVY 17, ARMY 13

Lavatai runs for 2 TDs, Navy's D dominates in win

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Quarterback Tai Lavatai ran for two touchdowns and Navy's defense limited Army to 57-second-half yards and a season-low 232 overall in a 17-13 victory Saturday in a game played at the Meadowlands to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Navy (4-8) played a complete game, outgaining Army (8-4) on the ground and overall, controlling the clock and converting three big plays, two on fourth-down, that led to all its points.

The Navy defense made the big play at the end, stopping Army quarterback Christian Anderson a yard short at the Navy 46 on fourth down with 91 seconds left.

Bijan Nichols added a 43-yard field goal for Navy, which struggled against a schedule that featured 11 bowl-bound teams. Navy ends the season with a rivalry win, while Army will face Missouri in the Armed Forces Bowl.

Anderson scored on a 56-yard run on Army's fourth play from scrimmage and

Cole Talley added field goals of 31 and 32 yards, all in the first half. The Black Knights generated little after that in seeing their four-game winning streak snapped and losing to Navy for only the second time in six games.

Army led 13-7 at the half with each team scoring touchdowns on the opening possessions.

Anderson opened the scoring with a 56-yard run on the fourth play from scrimmage. Lavatai capped an 11-play, 83-yard response by the Midshipmen, scoring on an 8-yard run on which fullback James Harris helped carry him the final 3 yards.

Navy took over in the second half, taking the kickoff and going 74 yards in 10 plays with Lavatai scoring from 2-yards out. The drive featured a 26-yard run by Chance Warren on fourth-and-4 that got the ball to the 2.

The late field goal by Nichols was set up by a fake punt on fourth-and-1 from the Navy 34. Linebacker and leading tackler Diego Fagot took a direct snap, avoided a tackle and gained 4 yards. It was his first career carry.

SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

CIAC TOURNAMENTS

FOOTBALL

At Trumbull High School
Class S—Final
CROMWELL/PORTLAND 21, BLOOMFIELD 6
CP (13-0); 7; 0; 7; —; 21
B (12-1); 0; 0; 6; 0; —; 6
First Quarter
CP—Teddy Williams fumble recovered in end zone (Allen Cohen kick)
Second Quarter
CP—Williams 46pass from Cole Brisson (Cohen kick)
Third Quarter
B—Darrien Foster 16run (pass failed)
Fourth Quarter
CP—Williams 66interception return (Cohen kick)
Class LL—Final
DARIEN 42, FAIRFIELD PREP 7
D (12-1); 7; 7; 21; 7; —; 42
FP (11-2); 0; 0; 0; 7; —; 7
First Quarter
D—Tighe Cummissey 40run (Isaac McMullin kick)
Second Quarter
D—Matt Minicus 12pass from Miles Drake (McMullin kick)
Third Quarter
D—Drake 19run (McMullin kick)
D—Jeremiah Stafford 4run (McMullin kick)
D—Stafford 56run (McMullin kick)
Fourth Quarter
D—Stafford 8run (McMullin kick)
FP—Tim Pearson 13pass from Connor Smith (Aidan Graham kick)
At Veteran's Stadium, New Britain
Class L—Final
MALONEY 35, WINDSOR 21
W (11-2); 7; 0; 6; 8; —; 21
M (12-1); 0; 14; 14; 7; —; 35
First Quarter
W—Jaevion Walcott 83pass from Elijah Cromatie (Miles McMikle kick)
Second Quarter
M—Josh Boganski 5run (Josh Scaramuzzo kick)
M—Boganski 6run (Scaramuzzo kick)
Third Quarter
M—Boganski 11run (Scaramuzzo kick)
M—Boganski 5run (Scaramuzzo kick)
W—Shawn Bell 1run (kick failed)
Fourth Quarter
W—Bell 87pass from Cromatie (Prince Samuels pass from Cromatie)
M—Angel Arce 15run (Scaramuzzo kick)
Class M—Final
KILLINGLY 28, ROCKVILLE 14
R (10-3); 0; 7; 0; 7; —; 14
K (12-0); 6; 8; 14; 0; —; 28
First Quarter
K—Jack Sharpe 10run (pass failed)
Second Quarter
R—Travon Edmondson 7run (Michael Naylor kick)
K—Ben Jax 15interception return (Nathan Keefe pass from Thomas Dreiholz)
Third Quarter
K—Soren Rief 16run (Dreiholz kick)
K—Rief 28run (Dreiholz kick)
R—Deshaun Perry 29pass from Matt Ryan (Naylor kick)
Friday's late college results

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
National Invitational Championship—Quarterfinal
VALPARAISO 3, UCONN 0 (28-26, 27-25, 26-24)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
TRINITY 48, UNION 44
MEN'S HOCKEY
WESLEYAN 3, PLYMOUTH STATE 2
YALE 4, BROWN 3
QUINNIPAC 4, LIU 1
WOMEN'S HOCKEY
SUFFOLK 4, TRINITY 3 (OT)

SATURDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

UNLV 95, HARTFORD 78

PROVIDENCE 68, CENTRAL 53
TRINITY 87, CCNY 56
WESLEYAN 85, FARMINGDALE STATE 80
PLYMOUTH STATE 78, EASTERN 73
ST. JOSEPH 91, ANNA MARIA 68
QUINNIPAC 73, MAINE 47
Never Forget Tribute Classic (Newark, N.J.)
UCONN 74, ST. BONAVENTURE 64

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

TRINITY 87, GORDON 59
WILLIAMS 71, WESLEYAN 58
EASTERN 74, PLYMOUTH STATE 50
ST. JOSEPH 74, ANNA MARIA 43
PROVIDENCE 68, QUINNIPAC 50
UMASS LOWELL AT YALE, PPD.
Never Forget Tribute Classic (Newark, N.J.)
UCONN 71, UCLA 61
MEN'S HOCKEY
TRINITY 4, HOBART 3
LIU AT QUINNIPAC, LATE
WOMEN'S HOCKEY
WESLEYAN 6, MANHATTANVILLE 1
JOHNSON & WALES AT TRINITY, LATE

WRESTLING

WILLIAMS AT TRINITY, LATE

SUNDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Fairfield at William & Mary, 1p.m.
Basketball HoF Invitational (Brooklyn, N.Y.)
Iona vs. Yale, 7p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Iona at Sacred Heart, 2p.m.
AHL Standings
Atlantic GP W L OTL SOL PTS PCT
Springfield 19 14 3 2 0 .30
.789
Hartford 18 12 4 2 0 26 .722
Providence 17 8 5 3 1 20 .588
Hershey 17 8 6 2 1 19 .559
Charlotte 21 10 9 2 0 22 .524
W-B/Scranton 18 8 8 0 2 18 .500
Bridgeport 22 7 12 1 2 17 .386
Lehigh Val. 19 3 11 4 1 11 .289
North GP W L OTL SOL PTS PCT
Utica 16 1 2 0 34 .895
Rochester 18 12 6 0 0 24 .667
Cleveland 21 10 6 2 3 25 .595
Toronto 17 9 6 1 1 20 .588
Laval 21 10 9 2 0 22 .524
Belleville 20 9 11 0 0 18 .450
Syracuse 18 6 9 2 1 15 .417
Central GP W L OTL SOL PTS PCT
Chicago 20 14 4 1 1 30 .750
Manitoba 21 13 7 1 0 27 .643
Iowa 19 9 8 1 1 20 .526
Rockford 19 9 8 1 1 20 .526
Grand Rapids 20 9 8 2 1 21 .525
Texas 18 7 8 2 1 17 .472
Milwaukee 20 7 12 1 0 15 .375
Pacific GP W L OTL SOL PTS PCT
Stockton 18 14 2 2 0 30 .833
Ontario 17 12 4 0 1 23 .735
Henderson 16 8 6 1 1 18 .563
Tucson 16 8 7 1 0 17 .531
San Diego 17 8 8 1 0 17 .500
Colorado 19 8 8 1 2 19 .500
Bakersfield 15 6 6 1 2 15 .500
Abbotsford 17 7 7 2 1 17 .500
San Jose 17 6 10 1 0 13 .382

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS

SYRACUSE 5, CHARLOTTE 3
UTICA 3, CLEVELAND 1
BELLEVILLE 4, PROVIDENCE 1
TORONTO 4, SPRINGFIELD 2
ROCHESTER 5, LAVAL 3
MANITOBA 4, GRAND RAPIDS 2
MILWAUKEE 4, IOWA 3 (OT)
HENDERSON 5, ROCKFORD 0
TUCSON 5, STOCKTON 4 (SO)

COLORADO 7, BAKERSFIELD 2

ONTARIO 4, SAN DIEGO 2

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

ABBOTSFORD 5, SAN JOSE 1
CHARLOTTE 5, SYRACUSE 3
HERSHEY AT W-B/SCRANTON, LATE
TORONTO AT BRIDGEPORT, LATE
GRAND RAPIDS AT MANITOBA, LATE
IOWA AT MILWAUKEE, LATE
HENDERSON AT ROCKFORD, LATE
CLEVELAND AT LEHIGH VALLEY, LATE
PROVIDENCE AT SPRINGFIELD, LATE
CHICAGO AT TEXAS, LATE
STOCKTON AT TUCSON, LATE
BAKERSFIELD AT COLORADO, LATE
ONTARIO AT SAN DIEGO, LATE

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Hartford at Lehigh Valley, 3p.m.
Belleville at Bridgeport, 3p.m.
Toronto at Providence, 3p.m.
Springfield at W-B/Scranton, 3p.m.
Laval at Hershey, 5p.m.
Chicago at Texas, 6p.m.
Abbotsford at San Jose, 6p.m.
Big East basketball standings
MEN'S
Team CONF CPCT OVR PCT
Providence 0-0 .000 10-1 .909
DePaul 0-0 .000 8-1 .889
Seton Hall 0-0 .000 8-1 .889
Xavier 0-0 .000 8-1 .889
UConn 0-0 .000 9-2 .818
Creighton 0-0 .000 8-2 .800
Marquette 0-0 .000 8-2 .800
St. John's 0-0 .000 7-2 .778
Villanova 0-0 .000 7-2 .778
Butler 0-0 .000 7-3 .700
Georgetown 0-0 .000 5-4 .556

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT

DEPAUL 62, LOUISVILLE 55

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

CREIGHTON 82, BYU 71
GEORGETOWN 79, SYRACUSE 75
PROVIDENCE 68, CENTRAL CONN. 53
BUTLER 66, EASTERN ILLINOIS 54
UCLA AT MARQUETTE, LATE
CINCINNATI AT XAVIER, LATE
Never Forget Tribute Classic (Newark, N.J.)
UCONN 74, ST. BONAVENTURE 64

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Colgate at St. John's, noon
Big East-Big 12Battle
Villanova at Baylor, 3p.m.
Garden State Hardwood Classic
Rutgers at Seton Hall, 7:30p.m.
WOMEN'S
Team CONF CPCT OVR PCT
DePaul 2-0 1.000 8-2 .800
Marquette 2-0 1.000 7-2 .778
Creighton 2-0 1.000 5-2 .714
UConn 1-0 1.000 6-2 .750
St. John's 1-0 1.000 5-4 .556
Georgetown 1-1 .500 5-4 .556
Providence 1-1 .500 6-5 .545
Seton Hall 0-2 .000 4-4 .500
Villanova 0-2 .000 4-5 .444
Xavier 0-2 .000 4-5 .444
Butler 0-2 .000 0-9 .000

FUTRDAY'S LATE RESULT

DENVER 100, BUTLER 94 (40T)

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

SETON HALL 70, PRINCETON 60
ST. JOHN'S 83, LA SALLE 70
PROVIDENCE 68, QUINNIPAC 50
MARQUETTE 89, NORTH DAKOTA 65
Never Forget Tribute Classic (Newark, N.J.)
UCONN 71, UCLA 61

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Oregon at Villanova, 1p.m.
St. John's at Wagner, 2p.m.
Arizona State at Creighton, 2p.m.
Xavier at Cincinnati, 2p.m.
Butler at Illinois, 3p.m.

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A more festive outdoors

Trends for updating your window, door and yard decor this holiday season

By **Kim Cook**
Associated Press

Home, as we know, has become more central to many of us during the pandemic, and that means outdoors as well as in. This holiday season, designers and retailers have suggestions for updating window, door and yard decorations.

Trends include sustainability, naturalness and coziness.

Nature show

New York interior designer John Douglas Eason appreciates a season where “over the top” is often just what’s needed.

“But that said, I like subtle holiday design, incorporating nature and keeping it tonal. I love monochromatic gourds with a gnarly tree branch tossed in for interest and fresh greens,” he says.

Eason suggests luminarias to light walkways, “and I’ve been playing around with the idea of connecting them with thick garlands and woodland elements.

When the holiday is over, he notes, recyclable decor can go back to nature “and help to ensure the gift of a safer earth for generations to come.”

Professional organizer Shira Gill, whose new book, “Minimalista” (Ten Speed Press), offers decluttering tips, also suggests going biodegradable. String a popcorn and cranberry garland for window boxes or railings, or make a front-door wreath out of tree trimmings or fallen twigs.

“These can all hit the



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compost bin when the new year rolls around,” she says.

Holiday lodge

If heading off to a cozy cabin is more aspirational than doable, you can still achieve the chalet vibe. A few birch logs placed in a galvanized steel or enameled planter, with pine or cedar boughs and some faux or real moss bedding the pot, will look inviting with or without a strand of warmly hued fairy lights.

Peel-and-stick removable decals can dress up a front door or street-facing windows. Tempaper’s white Christmas Village wall decal set gives you

pine trees, deer, various buildings and an array of stars to create a silhouetted scene.

Grandin Road also has a silhouette theme, with powder-coated metal deer and mountains.

Home Depot’s Polar Wishes collection includes a herd of lighted white deer in various poses, as well as a sleigh and deer combo. A slim, white-lighted tree would look enchanting on a city stoop or in a suburban yard.

Instead of the usual wreath, hang a set of Terrain’s leather and silver sleigh bells.

Traditional colors

Nicole Fisher, who bases

her BNR Interiors firm in New York’s Hudson Valley, likes to blend the time-tested colors of Christmas with fresh twists.

“My color palette this year is going to be green and red with black and white accents,” she says. “I love the traditional concept of black and white, but also how it’s unexpected for the holidays. Harlequin and checkered prints in small doses, for ornaments or decorative accents, work for both inside and out of the house.”

She likes magnolia-leaf garlands with green tops and a rich burgundy red on their fuzzy undersides.

“They’re my favorite to use because they pop against a blanket of snow,” Fisher says. “They’re also very hardy and last through the entire season, always looking fresh.”

If you can’t find magnolia garlands locally, Food52 quickships good-looking fresh ones. And there are lovely faux versions that you can embellish with extra pops of green, red or copper magnolia sprigs, at Etsy, Jamali Garden and West Elm.

Garlands of all kinds of greenery can warm up the look of railings or frame doorways. Leave them au naturel, or dress them with metallic accents and small decorations for your overall theme.

A 9-foot multicolored garland at Lowe’s is battery-operated, if you don’t have an outdoor plug nearby. Set the timer, and the lights go on and off at the same hours each evening. There’s also a 24-inch wreath with the same features.

Why not bathe the front door itself in holiday colors?

“It might sound extreme,” says Leigh Spicher, national design director for homes developer Ashton Woods, “but you can paint your front door to coordinate with seasons, especially if your home is a neutral color. So this means you can have a red or green door for the holidays, and then repaint it a bright yellow for the spring.”

Modern winter

Gill’s aesthetic is minimalist, but striking. “Engage all the senses,” she advises. “Project festive images on your front door — think snowy winter wonderland, or a slideshow of your favorite holiday memories.”

Like Eason, she loves the idea of lining walkways with lanterns or tall white candles for “a chic, minimalist look that still feels festive and lovely.”

LightShow’s Projection SnowStorm sets an 8-foot-wide blizzard of snowflakes dancing across the front of the house. Another version has gently falling snowflakes across a 30-foot expanse.

While winter white is great for a modern look, Eason says adding colors to the scheme can make it “2020s fresh.”

“Womp up your contemporary design with vintage ornaments, or add gorgeous velvet ribbon in teal, purple or a scrumptious chocolate brown,” he says.

Peachy-pink is another trending holiday shade, in bright and blush tones.



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REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Reverse mortgage comes at fairly steep price

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
Tribune Content Agency

Q: We did a reverse mortgage. We got almost no cash out of it, but it is eating up whatever equity remains with our loan that has an effective interest rate of almost 5%. Is there anything we can do? Thank you.

A: Reverse mortgages have been around for more than 20 years. If you're over the age of 62 and you have equity in your home, there are a number of lenders who will give you a loan for a certain percentage of available equity (often up to 85%, but sometimes quite a bit less). The loan provides you with cash and no requirement to repay the loan until the home is sold or the owners pass away.

If you're house rich and cash poor, and want to stay in your home but perhaps need funds to make repairs, pay off the mortgage to lower your cash burn, or even augment your retirement income, a reverse mortgage can help. But it comes at a fairly steep price: a higher interest rate plus higher fees.

The higher fees eat away at the amount of cash you'll get. The higher interest rate eats away at your remaining equity. And, you still have the requirement to pay your real estate property taxes and homeowners insurance premiums.

It sounds like you needed cash, maybe didn't qualify for a home equity line of credit and turned to a reverse mortgage as a way to secure the funds you required. The problem is the one you now face: You had a home without much in the way of equity, took what you could and now have run through the cash and are out of options to get more.

It's an unfortunate position to be in if returning to work is no longer



Talk with a mortgage lender and real estate agent to find out if you have enough equity and income to refinance out of the reverse mortgage. **DREAMSTIME**

an option or a possibility. With reverse mortgages, we'll often recommend that homeowners sell the property, take whatever equity they can and rent something that's affordable. Or, move in with family or into some sort of shared living arrangement to cut costs.

A lot of times, seniors balk at moving. It's a lot of physical and emotional work to go through and toss years of accumulated stuff, or they simply can't fathom the idea of fixing up the property in order to sell the home quickly. Staging a home isn't simple, especially if the home in question hasn't been updated in a long time, which often happens when homeowners are short of funds.

Selling, though, is still a valid option. And the sooner you sell, the more

remaining equity you'll preserve. If you live in an area that has experienced rising home prices, there may be something left after you pay off the reverse mortgage company.

Or not. But at least you won't be forced to make ongoing real estate tax and insurance premium payments.

What else could you have done? A number of new financial products on the market are trying to find novel ways to allow you to tap into your equity outside of a traditional home equity line of credit (HELOC), second mortgage or reverse mortgage.

HomeTap, for example, makes an investment in the property in exchange for taking an equity stake in your home. Currently offered in 15 states, the

company takes an ownership stake in the property, making a bet against the future value of your home.

This product works like a shared appreciation mortgage: You get the cash today, don't have to repay anything and then when you sell, the company gets the value of its stake from the proceeds. If the home has gone up in value, it gets a little extra. If it goes down in value, it gets less.

In addition to the fees, you have to settle the investment within 10 years, either by selling the property, refinancing it or simply paying off whatever equity the company holds. Your property has to qualify based on an appraisal, but unlike a reverse mortgage, it's available to homeowners of any age.

Other financial tech-

nology companies (called "fintechs" or "proptechs") playing in this space include Unison, which is available in 30 states and converts "up to 17.5% of your home's value to cash" and "in return, we share in a portion of your home's value when you decide to sell," and Unlock Technologies, whose website says "a typical agreement might exchange 10% of the current home's value (cash to you) for 16% of the future home's value (the Unlock Share)." Some will be successful; others may disappear without much fanfare.

First, spend some time going through the numbers to understand where you stand financially with the reverse mortgage. You need to understand what your true financial picture is, where you want it to be, if you're really OK with not leaving much (if anything) to your heirs, and what options you have.

If you don't have enough cash to make your insurance and property tax payments, the smartest thing you can do is pack up your home and move to a more affordable home.

Talk with a local mortgage lender and real estate agent to find out if you have enough equity and income to refinance out of the reverse mortgage or what sort of net price you could expect.

Good luck.

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In the event of a gas or carbon monoxide leak, an inspector may red-tag an HVAC system. **DREAMSTIME**

HOME REMEDIES

How does 'red-tagging' work on gas-powered appliances?

By Paul F. P. Pogue
Ask Angi

If you've ever had a significant problem with your gas-powered HVAC system, you've probably heard the term "red-tagged." (And if you haven't yet, there's every chance you will someday, given that most HVAC systems have a lifespan between 10 and 20 years.) Whatever the circumstances, red-tagging means that you need to prioritize repairs immediately.

A red tag may be placed by an HVAC tech or a worker for the utility company. This means a gas-powered appliance cannot be safely operated until a situation is resolved. Furnaces, stoves, water heaters and gas dryers are all subject to being red-tagged.

Different states and utility companies have their own regulations about how red-tagging works, so if you get one, it's a good idea to read up on your local laws. In some cases, only utility company workers can issue a red tag.

Numerous problems can lead to a red tag. Some of the most common are carbon monoxide leaks, gas leaks, and fire hazards. Many times, a cracked heat exchanger is the culprit. Such cracks can allow gas or carbon monoxide or both to flow into the living area, which is extremely dangerous.

Most of the time, red tags will follow one of two types.

Type A red tags mean the situation presents immediate danger, such as some kind of gas leak. The technician will shut down your gas immediately until the issue can be fixed.

Type B tags indicate a serious problem with no immediate danger. In these cases, you should get the issue repaired as soon as possible, but the gas can still be running in the meantime. In some cases, it might be applied by a utility inspector who will require you to resolve the problem in a certain amount of time.

Repair costs for red-tagged furnaces can vary greatly. It could be

anything from a poorly sealed line to a broken central unit. Your HVAC pro should be able to provide a detailed explanation of the problem and a written estimate for the work that will need to be done. A cracked heat exchanger will usually cost around \$1,500 to repair.

If your older furnace has been red-tagged with a major issue, it may be a better idea to replace it entirely rather than repair. A furnace older than 15 years probably needs to be replaced rather than repaired; even if you've kept it in pristine condition and maintenance, it won't have many years left in it. A new furnace will cost between \$2,000 and \$6,000 on average, depending on the size of your house and type of furnace. Make sure you ask the cost of potential replacement when planning a major repair.

If you're worried that the red-tagging may have taken place in error, hire another reliable HVAC company for a second opinion.

TREASURES

Tiffany Favrile glass highly prized by current collectors

By Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson
Tribune News Service

Q: This bowl was given to me by my great uncle. I have had it for 40 years and just recently wondered about the inscription on the bottom. It reads "L.C.T. Favrile." Any information including value would be appreciated.

A: Over the years, we have seen thousands of pieces marked "L.C.T.," or "L.C. Tiffany" or some such to try and indicate they were made by Tiffany Furnaces in Corona, New York. Many have been fakes.

The authentic pieces have scratched-on signatures, which are easy to fake. The good news is this bowl is not a fake. It is a genuine piece of Tiffany Favrile glass, which is highly prized by current collectors.

This word "Favrile," incidentally, is derived from Latin for "hand-made" or from the Old English for "belonging to a craftsman."

We observe that the ground pontil appears to be correct, as do the ground leveling spots on the raised ribs. We do see an appropriate amount of surface wear, but nothing

unsightly.

Louis Comfort Tiffany (L.C.T.) was the son of Charles Lewis Tiffany, who along with Charles Young founded a store in New York to sell stationery and bric-a-brac including Chinese fans, desks, silverware and umbrellas. L.C.T. was born in 1848 and studied painting in Paris, but began his working career in New York as an interior designer to the upper crust.

L.C.T. began having items such as wallpaper, fireplace tiles and decorative accessories made to suit his taste and design sensibilities. This led to the incorporation of the Tiffany Glass and Decorating Company in 1892, which sold such things as church furnishings, including the famous Tiffany stained glass windows.

In 1893, Tiffany became president of the Stourbridge Glass Company of Corona, New York, and the company evolved into Tiffany Furnaces, where Favrile glass was conceived and manufactured. Favrile glass has an iridescent surface, but the overall color of the piece is largely determined by the color of the base glass.

Glass in a color reminiscent of olive oil produced a

multicolored but primarily golden surface when iridized, while a cobalt-colored base glass produced a brilliant metallic blue.

It is hard to tell from the photographs submitted the exact color of the piece, but we suspect it is gold Favrile.

We also do not know the diameter of this piece, but again, we suspect — judging by the small table on which it is sitting — that it is approximately 8 inches in diameter. If this is the case, the insurance replacement value would probably be in the \$600 to \$800 range. Smaller examples should be valued for less, examples decorated with engraving would be valued for more, and blue Favrile might be valued for more, all things being equal.

Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson have written a number of books on antiques. Do you have an item you'd like to know more about? Contact them at Joe Rosson, 2504 Seymour Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917, or email them at treasures@knology.net. If you'd like your question to be considered for their column, include a high-resolution photo of the subject, which must be in focus, with your inquiry.



This bowl is by the famous Tiffany Furnaces in the early days of the 20th century. **READER SUBMITTED**

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK: Park Place Towers

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Park Place Towers has been pioneering luxurious high-rise apartments in Hartford

By James Alexander

In recent years, one demographic trend has become increasingly clear in many cities, including Hartford. People, young and old, but primarily young, are moving back to the nation’s urban centers.

There are many reasons for this shift in population patterns. Urban living places many of these people close to work, perhaps even within walking distance of their employment. It also means they are near a wide range of services, including restaurants, shops and stores, cultural events, banks, entertainment venues, and mass transit options.

As for housing in Hartford, Park Place Towers has been a pioneer in providing luxurious high-rise apartments with easy access to numerous urban attractions. These twin towers, which are just two short blocks from I-84, are centrally located and within walking distance to downtown Hartford and the Capitol. City bus service is even closer, just steps away.



The two 25-story towers contain 451 apartments. Most are two-bedroom units, though about one-third have one bedroom. In addition, there are 11 units offering three bedrooms. Currently, there are some two-bedroom and a limited number of one-bedroom units available.

Each of these apartments features an open and inviting floor plan, with a chef-friendly galley kitchen. All but one unit has a pass-through from the fully equipped kitchen to the dining area, which makes entertaining easier. These apartments are visually appealing, with ample natural light from large double-pane windows highlighting layouts that delight the eye.



Bedrooms are roomy with ample closet space. Bathrooms are tiled with the two bedroom units featuring two full baths, making these ideal for young professionals willing to take on a roommate.

“We have an extremely varied tenant group,” John Scobie, the general manager, said. “It skews toward a younger population, but we have some residents who have been here since 1988,” when the two towers opened. Other longer-term residents have moved within Park Place Towers, vacating a one-bedroom apartment when a two-bedroom unit became available. Of special interest to many people, two bedroom units on the top four floors of both towers have a balcony, while all the units feature impressive city views.



Some of the residents, according to Scobie, are contract employees, with Park Place Towers able to supply furnished units for individuals on extended temporary assignments in Hartford. “We can also supply a housewares package. All you need is a suitcase,” Scobie said.



Residents will find an exceptionally wide array of services at Park Place Towers, starting with security measures that include a full-time concierge who interacts with all visitors and announces them to the residents they will be seeing before they are allowed into the building. Closed circuit video feeds allow residents to verify the identity of each visitor.

The concierge will also receive packages, often as many as 80 per day in each tower, according Scobie. These deliveries are logged and stored in a secure area with resident notifications promptly issued. Dry cleaning deliveries are handled similarly.

Both towers have access to two lounges, one with a full kitchen. These are open to all the residents, but can also be reserved for those who wish to entertain large groups of friends and relatives.



In addition to the lounges, other amenities residents enjoy include use of a well-equipped fitness center, private parking in an attached and secure four-level garage, bicycle storage, access to additional storage space, and two business centers. These centers are located on the top floor of each tower. One center is reserved for conferences while the other is for quiet study.

Further setting this complex apart is the sense of community that has emerged among the residents. Park Place Towers promotes two large social gatherings each year, a holiday party and summer picnic, as well as many smaller activities, including movie nights, wine tastings, and talks on a variety of topics, such as personal finance. There are also sporting activities, including basketball, baseball and soccer, for those who wish to participate. Access to all of these programs and services is included at no extra charge, as are community-wide high-speed WiFi, heat, air conditioning, hot water, and parking for one car.

Nearby, residents will find easy access to live theater with the Bushnell, Hartford Stage and Theater Works within walking distance. Hartford’s Infinity Music Hall & Bistro as well as West Hartford’s Playhouse on Park are also nearby.



There are numerous area restaurants, easy access to food trucks, and the promise of developer Carlos Mouta’s Parkville Market food hall on the horizon. It, too, is within easy walking distance, just past the area’s shopping center. Park Place Towers is ideally located for easy access to a wide range of activities.

Adding to its appeal, the grounds, which abut Pope Park, the buildings, and common areas, are scrupulously maintained. Even the halls leading to the apartments are bright, cheery and inviting. And, for those who also enjoy some suburban touches, residency also includes unfettered access to a private six-acre park with a walking trail, a heated seasonal outdoor swimming pool, and tennis courts. “Park Place Towers is where people will find an urban lifestyle with suburban amenities,” Scobie said. Residents may also have a pet cat.

All of this supports a compelling argument for making the move to Park Place Towers. However, the most compelling argument could be this: Thirty percent of the new residents based their move on the recommendation of a friend who is a current resident, Scobie said.



PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

Park Place Towers

Year built: 1988

Style: High rise towers

Monthly rental: Starts at \$1,100 per month

Bedrooms: One or two

Bathrooms: One with one-bedroom units; two with two-bedroom units

Square footage: 600 to 1,050 square feet

Mill rate for motor vehicles: 45.0

Best feature: Urban lifestyle with suburban amenities

Contact: Park Place Towers Leasing Office at 860-951-3400 or click on leasing at the website, parkplacect.com

PORTLAND

Spacious sun filled colonial with hardwood floors, nestled in a wonderful cul-de-sac in Portland! Stretching over 1,855 square feet and features 4 bedrooms, and 3 bathrooms with upgrades that bring you a sense of ease. Hardwood floors from room to room starting with the generous family room crowned with a brick fireplace, a pellet stove insert and flanked with custom built-ins & windows. \$405,000, 27 Grace Lane, Portland. Lisa Fagan, 860.810.2325, lfagan@williampitt.com.



FARMINGTON

Exquisite contemporary smart home in a premier Farmington location with elevated winter views and an in-Ground Pool. Stylish Addition-remodeled to expand living space, open floor plan & elevate ceilings. Home beautifully situated on 1 Acre landscaped lot boasting expansive outdoor living space and a private backyard oasis with pool. Welcoming Foyer enhanced with a stone wall leads to a generous sun-filled open floor plan with Kitchen open to Living Room. \$750,000, 41 Forest Hills Drive, Farmington. Diane Barry Team 860.614.1569, dbarry@williampitt.com.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

ANDOVER

11 Wood Fern Way, Lavey, Paul and Lavey, Lynn to Rurak, Andre and Rurak, Erica, 11/4, \$440,000
120 Bunker Hill Rd, Feinberg, David to Phillips, Michael, 10/18, \$278,160
151 Wales Rd, Prophet, Janet to Barrett, Lois and Barrett, Steven, 10/18, \$310,000
225 Route 6, Strid, Eric to Patel, Kruphesh, 10/26, \$300,000

ANSONIA

4 Schumacher Dr, Casa Nuova Dev LLC to Estime, Hyrouance and Estime, Wancita, 11/22, \$434,000
8 Doyle Dr, Mahabir, Richard A and Mahabir, Elenio to Lowe, Rochelle and Johnson, Iona, 11/22, \$330,000
25 Clover St, Hills, Izeem to Cooper, Sandra, 11/12, \$240,000
29 Holbrook St, Rodriguez, Miriam to Sellers, Brianna, 11/22, \$305,000
55 Prospect St, Calvao, Maria to Houth-Lim, Tony, 11/22, \$240,000
96 Jewett St, Vinhais, Joao F and Vinhais, Maria P to Baldwin, Corey L, 11/22, \$320,000

ASHFORD

44 Ashford Lake Dr, Bonilla, Katherine V to Clapp, Christopher W and Clapp, Robin S, 11/23, \$394,900

AVON

3 Conifer Ln Lot 3, Viani, Eugene L and Broadcast-Viani, Elizabeth to Baskan, Sinan, 11/19, \$340,000
6 Charlotte Ct, Wallace, Christopher and Wallace, Sarah M to Reddy, Upendranath and Nagriedre, Rajani, 11/22, \$879,000
10 Cottonwood Dr Lot 10, Cullina, Florence to Avon Hill LLC, 11/22, \$210,000
10 Cottonwood Dr Lot 10, Cullina, Florence to Avon Hill LLC, 11/23, \$210,000
12 Conifer Ln Lot 12, Meehan, Michael and Heil, Jennifer to Machado, John and Machado, Michelle, 11/23, \$252,000
12 Conifer Ln Lot 12, Meehan, Michael and Heil, Jennifr to Machado, John and Machado, Michelle, 11/23, \$252,000
19 Knoll Ln, McPherson, Charles and McPherson, Claudia J to Kim, Su G and Jheun, Youngran, 11/19, \$37,500
19 Sherman Ave, Arcari, Ann J and Arcari, Ralph D to Dahlmann, Allison A, 11/19, \$325,000
25 Cambridge Xing, Eden, Nell E to Foley, Joel and Foley, Amanda, 11/19, \$566,000
32 Fox Den Rd, Brown, Patrick E and Brown, Pamela to Tobias, Caroline and Hankinson, Neil S, 11/22, \$485,000
34 Homestead Ln, Powers, Matthew E and Powers, Brittany L to Blair, Andrew J and Blair, Sherry S, 11/18, \$569,900
40 Scarborough Dr, Mansour Developers Inc to Tharpe 3rd, Ernest S and Tharpe, Lori M, 11/17, \$7,49,619
46 Lakeview Blvd, Roberts, Alice to Ruiz, Ruben, 11/23, \$255,000
54 Nottingham Rdg, Williams, J Scott and Williams, Katherine O to Powers, Matthew E and Powers, Brittany L, 11/23, \$880,000
58 Tyler Ct, Goodman, Arnold S to Raza, Mahreen, 11/17, \$820,000
106 Mallard Dr, Cancellia, Debra A to Bouchard, Joseph C and Bouchard, Samantha R, 11/18, \$186,608
141 Mallard Dr Lot 141, Robert Lee Banfield 2 T and Corrado, Adam to Rodrigue, Nicole, 11/19, \$174,900
430 Lovely St, Gray, Gary R to Espinoza, Ronet N, 11/22, \$340,000
559 Lovely St, Leaning, David K and Leaning, Randy M to Sanchez-Lopez, Jose L and Sanchez, Maria, 11/22, \$375,000

BERLIN

10 Main St Lot 305, Argazzi Carol Est and Dreher, Timothy W to Fitzsimmons, Margaret, 11/22, \$270,000
64 Stony Mill Ln Lot 64, Pearson, Robert C and Pearson, Catherine L to Carrano, Robert and Carrano, Janet, 11/23, \$255,000
65 Quarry Ln Lot 65, Faria, James and Faria, Patricia B to Zocco, Cesare and Zocco, Janet, 11/22, \$460,000
96 Becker Ave, Pekarovic, Mark to Bansrupen, Shane, 11/22, \$260,000
490 Savage Hill Rd, Pistol Brook Holdings LLC to Balan, Michael and Balan, Samantha, 11/22, \$536,200

BETHANY

16 Luke Hill Rd, Fritz, Barbara B to Poniatowski, Roaa, 11/29, \$220,000
33 N Humiston Dr, Cambrial, Candice R and Cambrial, Nicholas M to Maltais, Zachary and Burchick, Anastasia, 11/19, \$450,000
131 Bear Hill Rd, Brangwynne, Susan L to Warner, Joshua and Kozlowski, Kaitlyn, 11/19, \$395,000

BOLTON

56 Volpi Rd, Conway, Bryan P to Bailey, Jennifer, 11/19, \$310,000
273 Hebron Rd, Sarisley, Allison A to Mott, Jake J and Mott, Amanda M, 11/22, \$36,000

BOZRAH

16 Goulart Dr, Goulart 3rd, Antone and Goulart, Carol B to Crabb, Nancy P and Crabb, Cynthia L, 11/22, \$439,900
20 South Rd, Chornoby, Robert W to Senita, Paul, 11/22, \$300,000
54 Rosemarie Ln, Bomba, Kenneth to Odonnell, John E and Odonnell, Kate L, 11/24, \$350,000

BRANFORD

Thimble Island Rd Lot 4A, James A Salatto RET and Salatto, James A to Mccoy, Kathleen, 11/17, \$137,900
N/A Lot 21, Mashaw, Jerry L and Macclintock, Anne U to Guliani, Abele and Guliani, Lori, 11/15, \$30,000
N/A, Kidder, Jill K to Rzezuski, Layla, 11/19, \$170,000
4 Yorkshire Ln Lot 4, Correia Hiltrud E Est and Searl, Jayne M to Pollani, Albert and Pollani, Lucille, 11/18, \$310,000
6 Luisa Ct, Donnar Contracting LLC to Wagner, David and Wagner, Jennifer, 11/16, \$627,053
14 Beaver Rd, Christine L Adams T and Adams, Bradway B to Beaver 14 LLC, 11/17, \$1,130,000
23 Circle Dr, Principal Properties LLC to Bassett, Darryl M and Bassett, Rachel A, 11/15, \$415,500
32 Heritage Hill Rd, Falade, Vincent A to Lerman, Lauren, 11/17, \$315,000
36 Jerimoth Dr Lot 36, Swanson Jr, Robert J to Cederella, Elena, 11/19, \$295,000
36 Peddres Dr Lot 36, Cypress, Tamara R to Acabobo, Christopher J, 11/12, \$190,000
36 Turtle Bay Dr Lot 36, Weil Ruth D Est and Esposito, Claudia to Mayers, Paul H and Mayers, Mary C, 11/19, \$625,000
47 Stony Creek Rd, Mobiland LLC to Moon, Chaney C, 11/18, \$600,000
81 Turtle Bay Dr Lot 81, Anderson, Elaine R to Dillillo, Maria, 11/19, \$330,000
83 Pine Orchard Rd, Marino, Erin J to Sisson, Taylor J, 11/16, \$390,000
92 Limewood Ave Lot C6, Yourk, Eleanor C to Masters, Cheryl, 11/16, \$354,000
131 Florence Rd Lot 1C, Diana, Christopher to Canth, Santokh K and Herry, Sarjit K, 11/15, \$80,000
179 Linden Ave, English, Margaret M to Puig, Sylvie and Mendes, Peter, 11/15, \$1,475,000
324 Monticello Dr Lot 324, Lomotey, Sowatei to Wai, Mabel, 11/19, \$207,000
602 Plymouth Colony Lot 602, Elliott Faith B Est and Exner, Kristan K to Premium Consulting LLC, 11/15, \$145,000

BRIDGEPORT

25 Lakeside Dr, Harris, James E to Choc-tawmartinez, Tameka and Martinez, Jorge, 11/8, \$255,000
26 Clarence St, Sanchez, Oswaldo and Sanchez, Oswaldo A to Rios, Maria D, 11/5, \$280,000
28-30 Wilmot Pl, Torres, Mary to 28 Wilmot LLC, 11/5, \$160,000
41-43 Orange St, Florian, Adler to Bentzy 3 LLC, 11/5, \$240,000
75 Wheeler Ave Lot 105, Womackboyd, Nan C to Toribio, Jose M, 11/8, \$169,000

82 Beers St, Mcneil, Myrna D and Mcneil, Roderick L to 82 Beers LLC, 11/5, \$260,000
83-87 Madison Ave, Charles, Lesly J to Ag Residential LLC, 11/5, \$480,000
110 Grenelle St, Perezmolina, Jennifer to Campbell, Sanita, 11/5, \$423,000
116-120 Lee Ave, Pizarro, Daniel to Almonte, Jose, 11/8, \$265,000
155 Brewster St Lot 5F, Ullman, Judith A to Tomasio, Miguel A, 11/8, \$143,000
198-200 French St, Hernandez, Jorge to Jeffrey, Kayla N, 11/5, \$420,000
234-236 West Ave, Kaushik, Naresh and Kaushik, Neeru to Parchment, Ramon and Watsonparchment, Nadene, 11/8, \$519,000
441 Pembroke St, JFR Hm Impr&Lodgement to Reboira, Raymond, 11/5, \$300,000
600 Bond St, Bridgeport Health Care to Stratford Gates LLC, 11/5, \$5,000,000
735 Palisade Ave, Bridgeport Health Care to Stratford Gates LLC, 11/5, \$5,000,000
1050-1052 Capitol Ave, 1050-1052 Capitol Ave Brg to Melo, Alan R, 11/8, \$336,000
1162 Ogden St Ext, Delrio, Benjamin to Darbe&Stein HHM LLC, 11/8, \$110,000
2461 Madison Ave, Picarazzi, Guido to Delaguila, Ortiz H and Delaguila, Ortiz V, 11/5, \$267,800
2625 Park Ave Lot 5B, FNMA to Lam, Alysa, 11/5, \$140,000
2625 Park Ave Lot 15R, New Cencury LLC to Poon, Kwun H, 11/5, \$100,000
2955 Madison Ave Lot 23, New Cencury LLC to Lewis, Clarence B, 11/5, \$144,000
4920 Main St, 4920 Main St Assoc LLC to Cor Main Street LLC, 11/8, \$3,500,000

BRIDGEWATER

17 Berry Rd, Fitzgerald 3rd, Thomas M and Fitzgerald, Lida E to May, Peter, 11/23, \$2,500,000

BRISTOL

Indian Trl, Reinhard, Mark to Lamarre, Matthew, 11/23, \$155,126
N/A Lot 23, Pawlak, John and Pawlak, Stephanie to Gokey, Wilfred G and Gokey, Theresa, 11/19, \$137,500
16 Smith St, Doucette, Ronald G to Illnicky, Joshua D, 11/23, \$250,750
32 Juniper Rd, Corbell Lillian M Est and Tartarelli, Lucy to Hill, Kenneth A and Hill, Mary L, 11/23, \$269,900
40 Sharon St, Benedito, Patricia D to Lynch, Matthew E, 11/19, \$167,000
42 S Street Ext, Marinelli, James F and Marinelli, Kathleen M to Medrano, Alessio and Kroon, Chastiee, 11/24, \$318,500
46 Lincoln St, Thornton, Gail L and Berry, Joseph F to Wholesale Homes LLC, 11/19, \$97,500
48 Ingraham St, Dube, Brian to Verceles, Ashley, 11/23, \$204,000
60 Brook St, Gellinas, Timothy C to Reynolds 3rd, John E, 11/23, \$130,000
66 Pequabuck St, Trademark Acquisition LLC to Davis, Moses, 11/24, \$426,500
79 Lawndale Ave, Barkan Holdings LLC to Pak, Jeong M, 11/23, \$280,000
81 Jerome Ave, McWilliams, Billie J to Collazo, Heriberto and Collazo, Griselle, 11/19, \$225,000
108 Cherry Hill Dr, Cedek, Aneta to Nirmo, Stephanie J and Norton, Nicholas M, 11/22, \$310,000
125 Brentwood Dr, Presto, Frank L and Presto, Bonnie L to Davis, Ryan L, 11/22, \$286,000
164 Fern Hill Rd, Nicastro, Jordan W and Nicastro, Lauren E to Damato, Nicole P, 11/24, \$250,000
181 Jerome Ave, Mortimer, Michael R to Sanchez, Breana Y, 11/22, \$210,000
295 Redstone Hill Rd Lot 20, Voisine, Kristin to Brazilei, Timothy J and Brazilei, Sylvia, 11/24, \$102,700
345 Stevens St, Brown, Lorenzo and Brown, Melony to Myers, Brook, 11/24, \$120,000
387 Mix St, Roberts, Shari to Stolle, Tracy, 11/19, \$215,000
421 Fall Mountain Rd, Thompson, Benjamin R to Belfiore 3rd, Joseph C and Belfiore, Tati-ana N, 11/22, \$176,000
430 King St, Bradshaw, Susan T to Estrada, Nathalie, 11/24, \$175,900
441 Witches Rock Rd, Martin, Richard to Godbout, Zachary and Green, Theresa, 11/22, \$295,000
1604 Stafford Ave, Scott, Christopher to Bennett, Julian and Williams, Erica M, 11/23, \$290,000

BROOKLYN

4 Old Woods Rd, Sabella, Michael and Sabella, Shannon to Primo, Pollana F, 11/24, \$710,000
22 Bayview Dr, Corbo, Antonio and Corbo, Jennifer to Riano, Jesus A and Pincay-Riano, Paola M, 11/22, \$479,000
38 Elbow Hill Rd, Kaplanis, Matthew D and Ferreira, Sulva to Larkin, Patrick J and Larkin, Nicole, 11/22, \$485,000
250 Whiconier Rd, Guido, Suzanne to Dias, Jorge W and Frezza, Caterina, 11/23, \$645,000
994 Federal Rd Lot 5, Yapoujian, Fraji and Yapoujian, Marie to AFG Real Estate Holdings, 11/22, \$129,000

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38 Elbow Hill Rd, Kaplanis, Matthew D and Ferreira, Sulva to Larkin, Patrick J and Larkin, Nicole, 11/22, \$485,000
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994 Federal Rd Lot 5, Yapoujian, Fraji and Yapoujian, Marie to AFG Real Estate Holdings, 11/22, \$129,000

BURLINGTON

21 Circle Dr, Grabowski, Timothy and Grabowski, Dawn to Perillo, Brian D and Perillo, Rachael K, 11/22, \$265,000
29 Covey Rd Lot 20, Meadowbrook Dev LLC to Whittlesey, Robin, 11/22, \$324,900
39 School House H, Lee, Brandon and Lee, Helen C to Fedja, Jennifer, 11/23, \$359,000
55 Angelas Way, M Jon Militana Paralegal to Manuele, Robin L and Manuele, Ernesto M, 11/22, \$670,000
100 Vineyard Rd, Cascade Funding Mtg T HB4 and Manwell, Hawana to Charlton, Donovan A, 11/24, \$180,000
118 George Washington Tpke, Yurko, John P to Poznanski, Craig, 11/22, \$140,000

CANAAN

Under Mountain Rd, Childs, Anne C and Childs, Charles H to Segal, Jacob and Crowe, Charlotte, 11/24, \$225,000
367 Under Mountain Rd, Childs, Anne C to Segal, Jacob and Crowe, Charlotte, 11/24, \$475,000

CANTERBURY

208 Goosenock Hill Rd, Minta, Thomas and McGrath-Minta, Crystal to Larose Jr, Leo A, 11/29, \$376,500

CANTON

18 Noja Trl, F&AK Inc to Philbrick, Stephen W and Philbrick, Polly G, 11/22, \$37,500
24 Garrett Rd, Vanilda, Frances N to Bilo-deau, Denise and Biloudeau, Bruce, 11/18, \$160,000
35 Hanson Rd, Kandrysawtz 3rd, Michael J and Kandrysawtz, Elizabeth L to Kennedy, Lauren, 11/22, \$540,000
85 Dowd Ave, Davenport, Suzanne to Carrier Excel Homes LLC, 11/15, \$145,000
100-R Woodchuck Hill Rd, Flyer Inc to Canton Land Cons T Inc, 11/22, \$18,000
CHESHIRE
Glenbrook Dr, Osborn-Ingrassia, Anne to Burr Jr, Joseph and Cheslock, Chelsea, 11/17, \$333,000
Wolf Hill Rd, Osborn-Ingrassia, Anne to Burr Jr, Joseph and Cheslock, Chelsea, 11/17, \$333,000
10 Kristen Ct, Mazzone, Ann M and Mazzone, Christopher L to Gaulzetti, Daniel C, 11/23, \$333,000
20 Judson Ct, Burgess, John W and US Bank NA to Karim, Fazvi, 11/23, \$355,000
36 Currier Pl Lot 36, Vigdorich, Anna to MLIPL LLC, 11/23, \$232,000
49 Ives Hill Ct Lot 49, Salva, Nicholas to Andrews, Sibohnn, 11/19, \$240,000
55 Old Towne Rd Lot 55, Cawley, John to Adu, Winifred B and Adu, Edward B, 11/24, \$

\$257,500

80 Heritage Dr, Kissh, David M and Kissh, Linda M to Lucchina, Gail, 11/23, \$450,000
128 Southwick Ct Lot 128, Coultz George F Est and Coutts 3rd, George F to Drenzek, Patricia A, 11/22, \$275,000
283 S Brooksvale Rd, Pinnacle Land Dev LLC to Redij, Supriya and Yadav, Tejas, 11/22, \$635,500
595 Riverside Dr, Martha, James G and Martha, Lynn S to Tarnowicz, Daniel J and Tarnowicz, Allison K, 11/24, \$550,000
700 Wallingford Rd, Bunch, Gregory and Bunch, Suzette C to Keogh, Ryan D and Kos, Kaitlyn E, 11/22, \$370,000
987 S Meriden Rd, Tarnowicz, Allison K and Tarnowicz, Daniel J to Danner, Robert P, 11/22, \$439,900
1274 Highview Ter, Trudelle, Amy L to Bevilacqua, Nicholas P, 11/22, \$410,000
1700 Hucksins Rd, Bolton, Darryl and Bolton, Frances to Parisi, Marco and Gruber, Alyson, 11/22, \$485,000

CLINTON

1 Iroquois Dr, Drenzek, Patricia A to Catullo, Philip M, 11/22, \$450,000
242 Cow Hill Rd, Warren, Victoria and Lind-say, Jamar to Bato, Paul, 11/22, \$400,000

COLCHESTER

N/A, Rowe, Carl M to Lenda, Joel and Lenda, Rachel, 11/18, \$450,000
51 Lakeview Dr, Thompson, James L and Thompson, Carol M to Lee, Wen C, 11/24, \$380,000
55 Stoneridge Rd, Radcliff, Robert K to Chiaangli, Chase D and Holim, Tonya L, 11/23, \$415,000
64 Park Rd, Pesok Properties LLC to Doyon, Mathew, 11/23, \$300,000

COLEBROOK

61-B Eno Hill Rd, Satram Susan L Est and Satran, Edward to Toffey, Harold J and Stevens, Diane B, 11/24, \$125,000

COLUMBIA

1 Woodward Rd, Remsen Richard Est and Vernalle, Maureen M to Ortiz-Ojeda, Tania and Dejesus, Emilo G, 11/23, \$237,777
3 Dilaj Dr, Morrell, Jennie A to Roberts, Richard M, 11/23, \$432,000
5 Wildwood Dr, Richards, Jeffrey R and Richards, Stephanie D to Knutsen, Cory, 11/22, \$250,000
56 Lake Rd, Lasch, Carol M to Atkinson, Kaheryn, 11/24, \$245,000

CORNWALL

193 Town St, Sephton, Gregory and Sephton, Ulla to Mass, Erik and Mass, Elana, 11/22, \$1,380,000
332 Sharon Goshen Tpke, Lazim, Asad A and Savic, Andrijana to Brothers-Phillips, Kara and Phillips, John M, 11/22, \$1,180,000

COVENTRY

N/A, Betty L Palmer RET and Palmer, Lee R to Magruder, Harris C, 11/23, \$277,777
27 Cynthia Ln, Bellefleur, Jennifer and Warcholick, Holly to Eldridge, Benjamin, 11/23, \$300,000
35 Spring Trl, Krause, Kristen and Bielewicz, David to Clymer, Allison, 11/24, \$210,000
181 Trowbridge Rd, Andrade, Hector D and Andrade, Wendy S to Nisbet, Michael, 11/24, \$333,000
233 Echo Rd, Recesso, Joseph to Krantz, Heidi M and Woike, Mark H, 11/29, \$199,600
239 Echo Rd, Heemsckerk, Laura E to Iverson, Andrew and Paine, Lindsay, 11/23, \$188,000
745 Merrow Rd Lot 187, Kimball, Alan S and Kimball, Aaron S to Cassone, Brianna and Cassone, Frank, 11/24, \$153,000
1572 Boston Tpke, Nichols, Elias E to XS Realty Holdings LLC, 11/19, \$285,000

CROMWELL

West St, Adelbrook Cmnty Svcs Inc to Crom-well Estates LLC, 11/17, \$520,000
2 Country Squire Dr Lot B, Lucci, Diana and Pinney, Jonathan to Silva, Emily, 11/22, \$120,000

2 Woodland Dr Lot 2, Lopez-Frausto, Alejandro to Flood, Cordney, 11/16, \$130,000
4 Marlon Pl, Seahill LLC to Avdimetaj, Faik, 11/16, \$332,000
12 Fairview Hts, Palazzo, Nicole to Beers, Heather and Beers, Frank, 11/22, \$245,000
14 Arbor Meadow Dr, Carrier, Johnny to Palmieri, Anna M and Palmieri, Christopher, 11/19, \$689,360
4 Elm Rd, Domizio Teresa B Est and Didomizio, Teresa B to Libera, Kimberly, 11/18, \$295,000
17 Cedarland Ct Lot 17, Aresco, Audrey P to Paterson, Kelly A and Woodworth, Jeffrey W, 11/19, \$190,000
21 Pleasant St, Faria, Anna V to Schmidt, David J and Schmidt, Leslie A, 11/17, \$325,000
65 Geer St, Duffy, Joseph R and Grylls, Monika to Lopez-Frausto, Alejandro, 11/16, \$261,000
66 Geer St, Swanson, Robyn A to Cataldo, Michael, 11/23, \$336,500
193 Skyview Dr Lot 193, Bedard, Wanda to Vanallen, Alyssa N, 11/16, \$220,000

DANBURY

N/A, Durgolo 2020 FT and Trebing, Terry to Hagan, Loretta and Hagan, Steven, 11/22, \$390,000
N/A, CT Property Network LLC to Mccadden, Sharon J and Satchell, Beswick K, 11/22, \$375,000
2 Belmont Ln Lot C, Mould Jr, Brian E to Mousso, Soussou, 11/22, \$200,000
3 Sil Cam Dr, Juan 3rd, Richard J and Juan, Felicia to Alvarez, Gonzalo and Alvarez, Socorro, 11/22, \$500,000
5 Abbott St Lot 3, Colla, Eva M to Ucello, Patricia, 11/22, \$228,000
6 Topfield Rd, Ganio, John P and Ganio, Bernadette to Cleary, Ryan and Sam, Jean-nine, 11/22, \$505,000

7 Fanton Rd, Rogers John C Est and Peet, Catherine R to Gonzalves, Vanderlei A, 11/22, \$350,000
7 Orwich Ct Lot 7, Gupta, Gagnesh and Gupta, Ashima to Fiderer, Brian and Fiderer, Julie, 11/22, \$575,000
10 Whitlock St, Renaissance RE LLC to Dimyan, Joseph, 11/22, \$535,000
19 Somers St Lot A8, Deraismes, Doris L to Young, Deanna L, 11/22, \$225,000
19 Somers St Lot A5, Machado, Antonio S to Geng, Junxian and Tang, Xiang, 11/22, \$235,000
22 Brentwood Cir Lot 22, Toll CT 3 LP to Siuhing-Wu, Annie, 11/22, \$542,500
30 Virginia Ave, Wasiczko, John to Mcfarlane, Maureen E, 11/22, \$355,000
81 Coalpit Hill Rd Lot J, Nunez, Melvin A to Martins, Guilherme and Pagan, Brooke, 11/22, \$180,000
203 Sienna Dr Lot 203, Krohn, Ruthann and Malchitsky, Kenneth to Pridgen, Barbara and Salley, Obie Plain Rd, Maggio, Caroline L to Marquez, Jason and Tongue, Shakeena, 11/22, \$518,000
1807 Briar Woods Lot Lot 1807, FNMA to Matta, Sangeeta N, 11/22, \$263,392

DARLEN

3 Silver Lakes Dr, 3 Silver Lakes Drive LLC to Thakker, Khushal and Thakker, Bhakti, 11/22, \$870,000
5 Walmesley Rd, 5 Walmesley LLC to Behuniak, William and Mallozzi, Christina V, 11/24, \$1,665,000
24 Crooked Mile Rd, Colon, Deborah M to Durango, Fabian J, 11/22, \$2,307,000
26 Tulip Tree Ln, Green, Mark R to Aulakh, Sandeep and Chinda, Neeraj, 11/17, \$1,537,000
32 S Wills Ln, Goll, James J and Goll, Debra M to Srouji, Tarek S and Srouji, Laila F, 11/22, \$3,900,000
36 Locust Hill Rd, Lewis, Warren and Lewis, Marian to Stern, Amy and Stern, Shaun, 11/22, \$1,360,000
41 Delafeld Island Rd, Mitchley, Stephen and Mitchley, Janel to James, Duncan and James, Whitney, 11/17, \$3,060,000
116 Raymond St, Naclerio, John J and Christopher, Teresa L to Kulhawik, Brett S and Kulhawik, Emily, 11/17, \$1,399,000

DEEP RIVER

77 Scenic View Dr Lot 12, Selmon, Tracy to Fox, Christopher J, 11/23, \$126,000
128 Southwick Ct Lot 128, Coultz George F Est and Coutts 3rd, George F to Drenzek, Patricia A, 11/22, \$275,000

EAST GRANBY

16 Seymour Rd Lot 4f, Jacobson, Todd to Deluca, Laural, 11/22, \$140,000

EAST HADDAM

27 Laurel Cove Rd, Irvin, Rosalie D to Pope, Gary M and Pope, Heidi, 11/22, \$162,000
112 Falls Rd, Miska, Marie S and Lafave, Gloria S to Reyes, Juan Q, 11/23, \$205,000

EAST HAMPTON

10 Julia Ter, Brown, Eric and Brown, Alexandra to Richardson, Katelyn, 11/23, \$230,013
11 Persimmon Way, Edgewater Homes 1 LLC to Edgewater Properties LLC, 11/19, \$489,000
16 Keighley Pond Rd, Brown, Carolyn J to Metra T and Traaphagen, Michael E, 11/23, \$470,000
16 Mountain Trl, Suchoski, Paul to Leor 20210328 LLC, 11/23, \$155,000
19 Mohawk Trl, Paulson, Lynne V to Lendroth, Donna L, 11/22, \$251,000
44 Colchester Ave, Rodriguez, Melvin A and Rodriguez, Melvin to Cassarino, Rachel and Asklar, Jjordan, 11/23, \$202,000
70 Main St, Schrager LLC to 70M EH LLC, 11/22, \$250,000
72 Main St, R Schrager LLC to 72M EH LLC, 11/22, \$250,000
145 Comstock Trl, Lee, Robert J and Lee, Kerri M to Brown, Eric and Brown, Alexandra, 11/23, \$380,000

EAST HARTFORD

3 Huckleberry Rd, Fritch, Joshua J to Hamblin, Ashley and Kozlovich, Alice, 11/22, \$226,000
6 Depauw Cir, Martinez, Jacqueline to Akomiledo, Dare, 11/24, \$275,000
10 Carriage Park, Price, Brian J to Adebowale, Sandra and Adebowale, Torello O, 11/23, \$132,500
12 Orchard Ter, Best, Gail D to Lewis, Oliver and Lewis, Yvonne M, 11/24, \$205,000
15 Greenhurst Ln, Fournier, Huguette N to Walter, Kenneth D and Walter, Mary E, 11/23, \$195,000
21 Oliva Ct, Cuadros, Linette to Ray, Kennard, 11/22, \$235,000
31 High St, Coldbrook Crossing LLC to Taaffe, Marham, 11/19, \$125,000
36 Manning Ln, Sitaras, Byron to Gauna, Richard A, 11/24, \$270,000
58 Suffolk Dr, 5 Gray Realty LLC to Planas, Carmen L and Rodriguez, Miguel A, 11/22, \$149,900
92 Grande Rd, Waller, Eileen S to Stephenson, Kayla, 11/22, \$197,500
96 Connecticut Blvd, Oribio LLC to Claw Holdings LLC, 11/23, \$315,000
98 Connecticut Blvd, Oribio LLC to Claw Holdings LLC, 11/23, \$315,000
199 Crescent Dr, Salmon, Lesley to Bruff, Tahira, 11/23, \$235,000
1430 Forbes St, Lacosse, Harry L and Lacosse, Dinora A to Herrera, Vilma E and Herrera-Martinez, Ana M, 11/23, \$240,000

EAST HAVEN

17 Green Glen Ter, Scofield, Carol M to Silva, Frank, 11/24, \$185,000
21 Damen Dr, Polvani, Christopher M and Ruocco, Jennifer L to Careora 3rd, Albert L and Carfora, Carolyn, 11/22, \$290,000
22 Redwood Dr Lot E, Chang, Stacy S to Taufik, Sarah L, 11/24, \$165,000
55 Thompson St Lot 10F, Kyrtopoulos, Carolyn to Verna, Shirley, 11/24, \$155,000
91 Thompson St, George, Rodney L to Consigli, Joseph P, 11/22, \$369,000
194 Beach Ave, Apicella, Ann M to 194 Beach Ave LLC, 11/24, \$230,000
294 Grannis St, Guardino, James to Stolaronek, Cynthia M and Tripp, Christopher J, 11/22, \$315,000

EAST LYME

N/A, Brunson, Joanna to Hill

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Fitzroy G, 11/23, \$158,000

107 Margarita Dr, Lebron, Ismael to Galindo, Jeremy O, 11/22, \$159,000

230-232 Farmington Ave Lot A4, Rapaport, Tahl S to Manzanares, Alice, 11/24, \$65,000

241 Laurel St, Golden Laurel Hldg LLC to Knollcrest LLC, 11/22, \$1,420,000

755 Broad St, Villareal, Fezin to Brown, Angia and Hutchinson, Jordan, 11/23, \$245,000

866-870 Park St, WH Realty LLC to Muqaj, Dardan, 11/23, \$400,000

1210-1212 Broad St, Josephs, Michael J and Josephs, Clarissa S to Bantam Commons LLC, 11/23, \$310,000

HARTLAND

Peck Orchard Rd, Walker, Jeff to Porritt, Austin W and Porritt, Amanda J, 11/22, \$159,000

88 Old Skinner Rd, St George, Gerard R to Flagg-Birge, Glenn and Wilcox, Pamela, 11/22, \$302,000

HARWINTON

222 North Rd, Migavero, Joanne V to Casalino, Ronald, 11/23, \$518,000

HEBRON

8 Wood Acres Rd, Nicolo, Michael and Nicolo, Kathleen to Swahr Jr, William R and Glidden, Darlene M, 11/23, \$180,000

31 Slocum Rd, Kotli, Timur J to Riley, Timothy R and Riley, Sharon A, 11/24, \$265,000

90 London Rd, Shaw, Patricia to Wordsworth, Watson E and Wordsworth, Marilyn, 11/23, \$255,000

256 Gilead St, Chreiman, Luke T to Luongo, Deborah, 11/24, \$259,000

KENT

16 Elizabeth St Lot 1, Mollica, Lelande to Pfeiffer, William and Pfeiffer, Jennifer, 11/22, \$170,000

85 Segar Mountain Rd, Soule, Daniel W and Soule, Tonya A to Sheedy, John, 11/24, \$365,000

KILLINGLY

Breakneck Hill Rd, Goff, Russell C and Goff, Dorothy E to Browning Construction LLC, 11/29, \$45,000

28 Mason St, Arguin, Lorraine M to Sciucchio, Stephen J and Sciucchio, Simona, 11/18, \$275,000

59 Mechanic St, Moran, Carl to Thomas, Robert and Thomas, Karen, 11/23, \$185,000

514 Gendreau Dr Ext, Kania, Ryan A and Kania, Jamie L to Perry, Neil, 11/29, \$275,000

520 Lhonne St Ext, Larose, Leo A to Johnson Jr, Karl E, 11/24, \$225,000

1081 North Rd, Desmarais, Lisa L and Desmarais, Bruce A to Atwood, Jessica L and Atwood, Lisa O, 11/24, \$225,000

KILLINGWORTH

31 Schnoor Rd, Gagliardi, Theresa A to Heringer-Cezar Jr, J, 11/22, \$331,000

52 Tower Hill Rd, Spanbauer, Richard J and Spanbauer, Christine M to Casace, John A and Krete, Dana N, 11/24, \$900,000

270 Route 148, Marrone, Florence H to Sankow, Chad, 11/24, \$205,000

LEDYARD

2 Sherwood Trce, Feng, Bo and Gu, Zhenhua to Pabon, Daniel and Pabon, Tiffany C, 11/24, \$420,000

8 Cartridge Trl, CIM REO 2021 NR2 LLC to Brennan Sr, David J, 11/24, \$210,000

8 Pennywise Ln, Eldridge, Dale F and Eldridge, Annette C to Patterson, Joshua and Patterson, Olivia E, 11/23, \$238,000

17 Quakerstown Mdws, Green Falls Associates to Palazzolo, Stefano A and Taylor, Catherine M, 11/24, \$430,000

21 Brentford Berwick, Zauner, Christopher R to Turchi, Mario and Turchi, Maria, 11/24, \$591,000

21 Pheasant Run Dr, Lavoie, Kimberly A to Bell, Christopher A, 11/29, \$229,900

42 Bittersweet Dr, Washburn, Jerry C and Young, Stefanie M to Farmer, Michael and Farmer, Lori, 11/22, \$445,000

114 Christy Hill Rd, Thomen, Kyle B and Thomen, Rebekah R to Logue, Aaron W, 11/29, \$265,000

120 Gallup Hill Rd Lot 3A, Dees, Jennifer L to Roy, Kelsie F, 11/22, \$95,000

343 Colonial Ledyard Hwy, Cherrick, Laurie to Leboutseur Inc, 11/29, \$266,000

682 Colonial Ledyard Hwy, Kaminske Family RET and Kaminske, Elizabeth M to Allen, Jared S, 11/24, \$279,000

1538 Route 12 Lot C22, Bozym, Nicholas to Downey, Jacob, 11/24, \$130,000

1742 Route 12 Lot D, Tai T to Delrusso, Richard, 11/24, \$76,000

LITCHFIELD

21 Vanderpoel Ave, Fitzgerald, Mark M to Morse, Jason, 11/23, \$375,000

36 Tapping Reeve Vlg Lot 36, Brinchman, Maureen M to Dibella, Diane and Prout, Parker, 11/22, \$230,000

484 Torrington Rd, Stewart, Brett D and Stewart, Mary E to Hudak, Thomas, 11/24, \$550,000

1174 Bantam Rd, Lillis, Adrian V to Bigelow, Daniel S and Bigelow, Jill A, 11/22, \$640,000

LYME

N/A, J Kircher Matson RET and Matson, Jessica to Strauss, Lewis, 10/20, \$510,000

107 Norwich Salem Rd, Sokolow, David and Corran, Kathryn to Murff, Trish, 11/8, \$504,000

114 Town Woods Rd, Taylor, Mildred to Toriello, Marc, 11/18, \$399,900

127 Shore Dr, Johnson, Blake to Maznio FT and Maznio, Nancy, 10/25, \$760,000

MADISON

93 Madison Springs Dr, Russell Robert M Jr Est and Russell 5th, Robert M to Lenge, Frank, 11/23, \$435,000

142 Boston Post Rd, Arcutus Development LLC to Rice, Susanne B and Rice, Justin, 11/22, \$475,000

493 Durham Rd, Heggarty, Dominic A and Heggarty, Catherine L to Gonzalez, Ernesto, 11/23, \$435,000

MANCHESTER

8 Keeney St, Prentice, Scott T to KSD Holdings LLC, 11/23, \$150,000

11 Oak Forest Dr Lot 7, Anderson, Donna R to Castagna, Susan, 11/15, \$205,000

13 Wetherell St, Earle, Kevin to Lucier, Michelle L, 11/15, \$174,900

19 Westerly St, Blakie Realty LLC to Larusso, Chase, 11/22, \$335,000

21 Westerly St, Blakie Realty LLC to Larusso, Chase, 11/22, \$335,000

30 Red Rock Ln Lot 30, Hill, Paula A to Corcoran, Kelly A, 11/22, \$305,000

32 Garden St, Village Charm LLC to Palmer, Nicholas, 11/22, \$270,000

34 Garden Dr, Snow Goose LLC to J&G LLC, 11/15, \$65,000

34 Garden St, Village Charm LLC to Palmer, Nicholas, 11/22, \$270,000

35 Cooper St, Alto Investments 7 LLC to James, Natasha and Johnson, Antonette, 11/17, \$279,000

39 Ridgewood St, Makucin, Michael W to Claudio, Seth, 11/15, \$269,000

42 Westwood St, Farr, David B to KSD Holdings LLC, 11/16, \$125,000

43 Richard Rd, Burke John B Jr Est and Cohen, Mary B to Rozwadowski, Robert and Rozwadowska, Ewa, 11/24, \$220,000

53 Pioneer Cir, Duff, Gloria J to Montford, Willie M and Montford, Ashley P, 11/23, \$158,800

60 Colgate Dr, It C B Home Buyers LLC to Upparpati, Durga and Vemula, Pradeep, 11/22, \$335,000

61 New St, TCB Properties LLC to 61 New Street LLC, 11/22, \$256,000

61 Ninas Way Lot 61, Bustow, Sheldon M to Marvasi, Fatemeh A, 11/23, \$420,000

63 Jensen St, Ponder, Jonathan M to Porter, Karyn, 11/22, \$210,000

71 Goodwin St, Dalessio-Gianni, Debra and Dalessio, Debra to Rios, Barbara M, 11/15, \$245,000

86 Oliver Rd, Oconnor, Kelli T to Colarusso, Dominic and Richmond, Amanda, 11/22, \$245,000

105 Foster St, Robles, Wanda P to Mensah, John K and Covenants, Warranty, 11/24, \$240,000

123 Keeney St, Lantieri, Betty A to Jones, Ferris and Jones, Tina, 11/24, \$265,000

134 W Center St, Paredes, Cesar to Kingland, Imorene, 11/15, \$300,000

135 Autumn St, USA HUD to Pham, Thanh P, 11/17, \$155,000

144 Birch St, Hechavarria, Marco C to Francis, Camisha, 11/16, \$330,000

178 Spruce St, Sarmar Realty LLC to Calle, Kenny, 11/23, \$199,900

191 Spencer St, Kautliya Manchester Hotel to Par Spencer LLC, 11/22, \$7450,000

199 Center St, Ravenwood, Kurtis J and Ravenwood, Deborah A to Peppe, Kyle W, 11/22, \$320,000

220 Charter Oak St, Craft, Corey S to Gonzalez, Julianet, 11/16, \$316,000

233 Bidwell St, Chan, Lifan H to Terrones, Ronald R and Guevara, Sialer O, 11/15, \$345,000

262 Union St, Sardo, Michael to Bushey, Brandon J, 11/23, \$284,797

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270 Gardner St, Cou, Jeffrey T and Coughlin, Paula A to Avila, Clever and Altamirano, Emma, 11/24, \$399,900

358 Hartford Rd, Nguyen, Nga B to Islam, Mohammed D, 11/24, \$249,900

475 Keeney St, Barnes, Thomas S to Chamanlal, Vishan and Chamanlal, Shawniel, 11/22, \$440,000

MANSFIELD

Beech Mountain Rd, Flynn, Millicent T to Mukherjee, Zinnia, 11/22, \$57,900

Wormwood Hill Rd Lot 3, Bopp Jacqueline B Est and Bopp, Jeffrey R to R&T LLC, 11/23, \$850,000

1 Browns Rd, Barefield, Stephanie and Jelliffe, Jeremy to Samuels, Justin E, 11/22, \$85,000

15 Riverview Rd, Kutty Kannangath N Est and Fleming, Cathryn Jean to Kutty, Kalpana, 11/17, \$206,800

21 Summit Rd, US Bank NA Tr to Atreya, Aswin, 11/24, \$303,900

28 Wilbur Cross Way, Harry LLC to Store Master Funding 8, 11/19, \$4,964,080

29 Middle Tpk, Mcbride, Elizabeth A to Laroque, Melanie, 11/18, \$200,000

32 Anton Rd Lot B, Britton, Daniel G to 32B Anton LLC, 11/17, \$115,000

45 Shady Ln, Ever Real Properties LLC to Trottier, Michael and Trottier, Jodi, 11/19, \$315,000

58 Codfish Falls Rd, Booth, Janet C to Destine, Didier, 11/23, \$342,000

63 Eastbrook Hts Lot B, Tan, Anmin and Luo, Qifang to Zhang, Lan, 11/24, \$135,000

92 Spring Hill Rd, Gould, Marilyn S and Gould, Michael E to Alasad, Dhiya, 11/29, \$185,000

121 Courtney Rd Lot 121, Strauch, Catherine A to Chen, Hui T, 11/23, \$234,500

362 Hunting Lodge Rd, Ellen Roach T and Roach, Brian to Beheshti, Morteza, 11/23, \$255,000

400 Warrenville Rd, Partyka, David W and Partyka, Stephanie S to Peterson Jr, William R and Barnard, Irene J, 11/24, \$318,000

494 Wormwood Hill Rd, Risser-Milne, Christina M and Risser-Milne, Jessica K to Richter, Erin L and Richter, Nathaniel L, 11/29, \$395,000

MERIDEN

N/A, Parmelee, Shaun D to Belcourt, Susan M, 11/23, \$150,000

83 White Rd, Casanova, Carmen and Rivera, Alex to Frost, Kathryn M, 11/23, \$190,000

86 Lincoln St, Our Legacy Homes LLC to Allums, Chamiara A, 11/23, \$243,000

92 Cutlery Ave, Budwitz Jr, Francis S to Villalta, Juan, 11/23, \$150,000

95 Bee St Lot 24, Shafer, Christopher A and Shafer, Carol A to Noel, Armelle, 11/26, \$175,000

106 Meetinghouse Rdg, Bailey, Yvonne A to Reynolds, Richard, 11/23, \$215,000

108 Maple St, Capuano, Joseph P to Jensen, Daniel, 11/23, \$185,000

124 Ives Ave, Rose, David D to Valentin, Jessica L and Kissoon, Isaiha J, 11/24, \$345,000

150 Buckingham St, Roberts Children T and Cardona, Kristen L to Pluas, Francis G, 11/24, \$255,000

153 Metacomet Dr Lot 153, Balan, Samantha J to Szewczyk, Bryan A, 11/22, \$210,000

170 Ives Ave, Kuchle George P Est and Kuchle, Bernadette to Triple Springs Properties, 11/24, \$225,000

200 Ives Ave, Kuchle George P Est and Kuchle, Bernadette to Triple Springs Properties, 11/24, \$225,000

204 Williams St, Torres, Lysette D to Serrano, Stephanie, 11/23, \$230,000

256 Elm St, Valentin, Angel L and Valentin, Carmen J to Jones, Breylin, 11/22, \$305,000

257 Elm St, Valentin, Angel L and Valentin, Carmen J to Jones, Breylin, 11/22, \$305,000

258 Elm St, Valentin, Angel L and Valentin, Carmen J to Jones, Breylin, 11/22, \$305,000

292 Britannia St, Gratos, Laura I to Nurse, Lester J, 11/22, \$81,000

350 Cook Ave, Capuano, Joseph and Capuano, Julia to Rosario, Sonia, 11/22, \$160,000

718 Broad St, Hohagon, Michelle to Smokes, Jermaine, 11/22, \$120,000

1096 Broad St, Amlaw, Nicholas to Casrandea-Cano, Eleazar E, 11/22, \$225,000

MIDDLEBURY

31 Upper Whittemore Rd, Perugini, Judy and Perugini, Louis P to Petersen, Krista M, 11/23, \$309,900

44 Chase Rd, Guerrera, David C and Guerrera, Kathleen M to Edwards, Meghan M, 11/22, \$315,000

75 Blueberry Knls, Harrison, Ramona J to Baland, Matthew and Clark, Sarah, 11/22, \$415,000

173 Ridgewood Dr Lot 173, Toll CT 2 LP to Peters, Melanie A, 11/24, \$503,446

780 South St, Drapp, Debra and Drapp, Edward to Pardy, Donald W, 11/23, \$650,000

MIDDLETOWN

75 Hunting Hill Ave, Shugrue, Patrick M and Shugrue, Melinda C to Labranche, Erik T, 11/22, \$235,000

82 Red Glen Rd, Zierer, Dvora to Sims, James A and Sims, Jennifer M, 11/22, \$410,000

141 Crystal Lake Rd, Revenikas Anastasia Est and Revenikas, Nikolaos to Sholl, Benjamin S and Speth, Monica K, 11/22, \$270,000

189 Sand Hill Rd, Vernale, Salvatore D to Kane, Patrick J, 11/22, \$305,000

237 Carriage Crossing Ln Lot 237, Legendre, Tammy and Lehendre, Mathieu to Rahaim, Jacqueline, 11/22, \$118,000

944 S Main St Lot 944, Scales, Cori S to Ross, Jonathan E and Ross, Robert J, 11/22, \$184,500

MILFORD

1 Lee Ct, Labombarde Raffaella A Est and Velazquez, Heather to Vermilyea, Stephen, 11/22, \$299,000

19 Ard Ct, Kang, Yanni to Probst, Anne, 11/19, \$326,000

22 Peck St, Burns-Crespo, Allison and Burns-Crespo, Leticia to Rourke, Nolan, 11/23, \$330,000

2 Brentwood Rd, Pfaff, Gary to Averos, Jose R and Guartazaca, Blanca C, 11/22, \$325,000

11 Mill St, Epting, Tammie to Gibbons, Laura and Faucher, Don, 11/23, \$335,000

13 Willow Spgs Lot 13, Nieman, Gerald R and Nieman, Micky J to Lang, William, 11/23, \$205,000

14 Whitley Ave, Heaton, Louis M and Heaton, Michelle M to 14 Whitto LLC, 11/23, \$489,000

20 Greenfield Ct, Horvath, Joshua M and Horvath, Jessica A to Machado, Jose C and Machado, Marc L, 11/22, \$362,000

35 Reynolds Farm Rd, Cox, Daniel V to Greene, Carol D, 11/19, \$440,000

38 Sunny Valley Dr Lot 13, Hall, Amy E to Ortman, Gary W and Ortman, Patricia, 11/22, \$149,900

48 Colonial Ridge Dr, Schindelar, Fred J and

Jill to Almeida, Maria S and Almeida, Mario J, 11/22, \$575,000

94 Twin Brook Ter, Kelsey, Emily K and Kelsey, Samuel G to Sanchez, Jose, 11/22, \$353,000

MONTVILLE

4 Riverview Rd, Miller, David L and Miller, Jennette M to Lavoie, Ryan M, 11/24, \$328,500

35 Leitao Dr, Bingham, Carroll F and Bingham, Gertrude E to Dallas, Franklin, 11/24, \$258,000

78 Williams Rd, Solheid, Erik G and Solheid, Michelle J to Menchaca, Alfredo and Menchaca, Evelyn, 11/24, \$366,500

759 Old Colchester Rd, Lemieux, Linda C to Ross Sr, Robert and Ross, Regina, 11/23, \$270,000

1072 E Lake Rd, Sunmar&Raf Builders LLC to Tait, Isaac and Tait, Rhondie N, 11/23, \$349,900

1311 Route 32, Dolliver, Keith D to Cross, Nathan and Haberek, Elizabeth, 11/24, \$275,000

NAUGATUCK

34 Marshall Ave, Agosto, Rosa M and Agosto, Wilfredo to Kuratan, Brian, 11/22, \$275,000

51 Pilgrim Ln, Batista, Alice S to Balcastro, Barbara and Opalinski, Jack, 11/23, \$385,000

65 Longwood Dr, Yuhan, Johnathan and Yuhan, Stephanie to Menta, Dawn and Menta, Lawrence, 11/23, \$242,780

111 Mallane Ln Lot 3A, Smith, Daniel to Areias, Alexander and Areias, Karrin, 11/23, \$148,000

636 Andrew Mountain Rd, Rachuba, Billie E and Rachuba, Edward J to Jackson, Sherry, 11/22, \$255,000

NEW BRITAIN

3 Short St, Blackburn, Anne to Sticesen, Peter, 11/19, \$260,000

87-A Clinic Dr Lot 1B, Sternal Stanley Est and Sternal, Wanda to Cha, David K and Cha, Seung, 11/19, \$69,900

103 Victoria Rd, Gordon, Irene L to Pinney, Timothy G, 11/18, \$165,000

105 Brittany Farms Rd Lot C, Tober, Paul A to Panagakos, Panagiotis and Panagakos, Vasiliki, 11/18, \$96,000

239 Tremont St Lot 3B, Mori, Gustavo to Spence, Annette, 11/19, \$75,000

319 Osgood Ave, Orshak, Borys to Drozd, Ryan N and Burkhart, Joshua, 11/19, \$225,000

439 Stanley St, Delvalle, Fernando and US Bank NA to Midy, Denis, 11/18, \$92,500

NEW CANAAN

3 Bank St Lot 3, Elminger, Joseph to Handler, Jane, 11/22, \$775,000

31 Oak St, Schneider, Melissa to Lourenco, Robert and Lourenco, Adrianna, 11/1, \$1,915,000

57 Ash Tree Ln, Mulhern, Daniel and Mulhern, Elisabeth to Mangart, Whitney and Mangart, Andrew, 11/8, \$1,407,500

77 Lukes Wood Rd, Jones, Gordon and Jones, Claire to Palladino, Roberto and Palladino, Lindsey, 11/3, \$1,7

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SOUTH WINDSOR

7 Ravine Rd, Peters, David and Peters, Allison to Schroder, Maureen L, 11/22, \$216,000
10 Juniper Ln, Jarsen, Joan Z to Gonzale, Luis, 11/22, \$330,000
22 Amato Dr Lot A, Toce, Kaila to Raja, Vamsi M and Sivapuram, Priyanka, 11/23, \$155,000
52 Natsicky Farm Rd, Eremita, Michael J and Eremita, Heather M to Givly, Nazar and Lahouli, Athina, 11/23, \$437,000
85 Candlewood Dr Lot 85, Pitts, Ophelia W to Bommisetty, Ananda P and Bolisetty, Vijayalakshmi, 11/23, \$135,000
123 Pepin Pl, Paul, Siddhartha and Paul, Subarna to Pal, Sutapan and Pal, Satabadi, 11/22, \$373,000
274 Smith St, Rozwadowski, Robert and Rozwadowska, Ewa to Sista, Sri J and Sista, Renuka, 11/22, \$452,000
320 Abbe Rd, Sarkar, Abhijit and Sarkar, Suparna to Memon, Mansoor and Kausar, Kahn, 11/22, \$550,000
742 Ellington Rd, Hank LLC to Store Master Funding 8, 11/19, \$135,921
751 Griffin Rd, Ward, Kevin M and Ward, Danielle M to Prakash, Nalini and Prakash, Predeep, 11/22, \$370,000
2321 Ellington Rd, Reeser, Lawrence and Reeser, Lorraine to Holloway, Steven M, 11/23, \$275,000

SOUTHBURY

25 Heritage Cir Lot A, Andrews, Deirdre A to Thompson, Peter Rand Thompson, Catherine R, 11/22, \$225,000
51 Lakeside Blvd E, Kraus, Rudolph J and Kraus, Tara A to Calabrese, Joseph L, 11/22, \$230,000
96 Oak Hill Dr, Tscocyteanes, James and Tscocyteanes, Cathy to Davidson, Brandon and Davidson, Stephanie, 11/23, \$445,000
105 Colonial Dr, Zemper, David and Zemper, Laurel to Meck, Christopher and Meck, Zoe, 11/22, \$380,000
185 Riverhill Rd, Booth, Loretta L to Miller, Jessica M, 11/22, \$240,000
890 Heritage Cir Lot A, Summer Breeze Prop LLC to McNellis, Thomas and McNellis, Helene, 11/23, \$350,000
1038 Lakeside Rd, Meka Contracting Corp to Lake, Tiffany L and Leo, Richard, 11/23, \$265,000
2213 S Britain Rd, Transylvania Brk Ets LLC to Robertson, Colin F and Robertson, Katherine M, 11/23, \$706,400

SOUTHINGTON

Dunham St, Greystone Real Estate LLC to Smith, Geoffrey and Smith, Debra, 11/15, \$215,000
Lacourse Pond E, V Sqd Of Southington LLC to Danko, Sabreana M and Danko, Dylan M, 11/9, \$175,000
Summer St, Adams, Danielle A and Adams Jr, William F to Chasse, Douglas M, 11/10, \$400,000
Woodruff St, Lorenzo, Elizabeth A to Andrade, Paul A and Monte, Christina, 11/9, \$382,000
9 Redwood Ln, Hillcrest Homes LLC to Weiner, Gady and Vigdorhik, Anna, 11/12, \$475,799
14 Brooklane Rd, Balisciano, Jason and Balisciano, Amelia to Hasson, Kelly and McKenzie, John, 11/10, \$300,000
16 Hemlock Dr, Palazzo, Assunto and Palazzo, Patricia H to Putnam, Denise A and Putnam, Daniel S, 11/12, \$220,000
20 Williamsburg Dr, Platt-Temchin, Maureen to Hewitt, Jocelyn N and Hewitt, Kris M, 11/17, \$410,000
28 Scaranaro Rd, Conran, Sean to Ahmad, Zeeshan and Jan, Naveen, 11/16, \$360,000
34 Desorbo Dr, Little, Scott and Little, Mara S to Balisciano, Amelia and Balisciano, Jason, 11/10, \$440,000
45 Pacer Ln, Lovley Development Inc to Gonska, Sharon R and Gonska, Stanley, 11/19, \$281,506
45 Pacer Ln, Lovley Development Inc to Adams, Danielle A and Adams, William F, 11/10, \$361,185
47 Village Rd Lot 47, Hodgins Michael J Est and Hodgins, Hallie L to Buonocore, Marion and Dibartolomeo, Eileen M, 11/18, \$133,500
63 Budding Rdg, Baroni, George E and Baroni, Laurie U to Austin, Jennifer L, 11/15, \$339,900
70 Mountain Pond Rd, Fournier, Steven O and Fournier, Michelle H to Cheh, Adam and Cheh, Kerry, 11/16, \$557,500
73 Nosahogan Dr, Welinsky, Nya A to Simons, David L, 11/17, \$230,000
82 Sunnysridge Dr, Bank New York Mellon Tr to Cox, Gary, 11/19, \$136,500
90 Apple Gate Lot 6, Vragovic, Bozidar and Vragovic, Zorica to Kilby, Edgar and Kilby, Erinda, 11/12, \$460,000
137 Williamsburg Dr, Denorfia, Deborah S to Dibattista, Todd and Dibattista, Ari, 11/18, \$649,900
142 Stonegate Rd, Casey, Thomas J and Casey, Mary E to Roman, William and Roman, Sara, 11/15, \$330,000
212 Welch Rd, Lovley Development Inc to Wieckowski, Malgorzata and Wieckowski, Andrzej, 11/15, \$381,800
251 Woodruff St, Mongillo, Sean M and Barnicle, Jacqueline to Silk, Luk B, 11/15, \$305,000
269 Russet Ln, Ross, Gary J and Ross, Karen L to Consiglio, Gina and Funaro, Richard, 11/19, \$396,000
273 W Center St, Flugrad, Russell C and Flugrad, Christine D to Kavadas Jr, Nicholas, 11/16, \$230,000
301 Carter Ln, Evans, Raymond F and Evans, Joan F to Cole, Kyle J and Cook, Kristy L, 11/17, \$286,000
423 Meriden Ave, Gale, Melissa and Gale Jr, Thomas E to Ilani, Yael and Gelman, Tom, 11/17, \$164,000
700 W Center St Ext, Rieger, Karen and King, Lisa to 700 W Center LLC, 11/8, \$165,000
834 Glacier Way Lot 834, Luce, Wendy to Blanchard, Linda L, 11/19, \$246,000
1404 Meriden Ave, Relihan, Kim F to Docar, Matthew, 11/18, \$365,000
1985 West St 18, Gissas, Clara J to Wilcox, Larry and Wilcox, Lauren, 11/17, \$394,900

71 River St, Quality Mgmt Services LLC and Wheeler, Bruce P to Perry, Stephanie C, 11/22, \$189,000

10 Juniper Ln, Jarsen, Joan Z to Gonzale, Luis, 11/22, \$330,000

22 Amato Dr Lot A, Toce, Kaila to Raja, Vamsi M and Sivapuram, Priyanka, 11/23, \$155,000

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Two mirrors hung horizontally add a needed reflective surface in this living room. **TNS**

How to incorporate mirrors to a living space

By Cathy Hobbs
Tribune News Service

Mirrors come in different shapes and sizes and can be used in a myriad of ways. In some instances they can create a magical sense of openness while helping reflect light. They can even act as windows in spaces that don't get much natural light. Beyond the single mirror, a common designer trick is to use a menagerie of mirrors.

Looking for tips for using mirrors? Here are some creative tips on how to use mirrors in unexpected ways.

Do's

- Do use mirrors in pairings or groupings.
- Do use mirrors that have flush or thin borders in modern, inspired spaces.
- Do use mirrors in a grid formation in spaces in which you wish to have mirrors act as windows.
- Do use mirrors to reflect and bounce color and light.
- Do use mirrors in spaces where wall hanging may be difficult. Leaning and floor mirrors can still have an impact.

Don'ts

- Don't be afraid to hang mirrors either horizontally or vertically. Both can impact a space.
- Don't use mirrors that are too small. Mirrors can be used to help ground a space.
- Don't overlook an opportunity to use mirrors instead of artwork.
- Be aware of what is being reflected in mirrors. Proper placement is key.
- Don't ignore the opportunity to use mirrors as an opportunity to bring in color through the selection of frames and finishes.



This sheltering structure, made of 2x4 framing and plastic sheeting, allows workers to lay concrete blocks in cold and rainy weather. **TIM CARTER/TNS**

ASK THE BUILDER

You can build anything anytime, anywhere

By Tim Carter
Tribune Content Agency

You've undoubtedly heard the adage "Time is money." If ever there's a time when it's true, it's now. The talons of inflation are digging into your wallet, purse and budget with respect to any home improvement project. The sooner you get any job done, the less it's going to cost. Period.

I'm about to share with you some stories that should inspire you and your contractor to keep working. Don't let them tell you the weather's going to cause this or that delay. It's pure poppycock.

My first lesson in how to get around weather delays happened almost half my lifetime ago. Thirty-three years ago, I subscribed to every home building and remodeling magazine I could find. The World Wide Web — what we now depend on as a repository

of images, videos and all sorts of technical information — was merely a glint in the eye of the tech industry. I consumed tips and tricks from publications and books like you might pop peanut M&Ms in your mouth.

One of my favorite magazines was Fine Homebuilding. I started subscribing around issue 23 or so. I'd read each issue cover to cover, and it helped that I had a photographic memory. I'd store snapshots of the photos in the magazine in my tiny gray cells that I'd use to help me do things each day on my job sites.

I'll never forget when I turned over to the rear cover of Issue 51 of the magazine. There were four photographs showing how a new house was being built in the Hamptons on Long Island in the middle of winter under a giant inflatable structure. Mind you, this was 1988!

Can you imagine that? The builder was no fool. They knew that at least 30% of each day's worth of productivity for each craftsman could be gobbled up dealing with Mother Nature. It was to their benefit, and that of the owner, to get the house built as fast as possible. Fortunately, the builder had access to an inflatable structure that used to cover a tennis court. It was a win-win all the way around. The house stayed dry during construction; the workers weren't miserable and were safer; and the owner got a much better built house. I share this to show you it's possible to do what seems impossible!

Twelve years ago, a special painting crew was sent to my house to satisfy a warranty claim on my windows. They had to do extensive work to remove the window sashes and then paint parts of the remaining frames with a very special automotive

fade-resistant paint.

The three painters had a huge trailer that was a traveling workshop with all the special spray-painting equipment. It was also filled with every imaginable tool they might need for any situation. One day rain was in the forecast. The painters, in a matter of minutes, fabricated a moveable lean-to out of a sheet of heavy translucent plastic and lumber that was in the trailer.

They constructed the lean-to so it tucked up perfectly under the roof overhang and extended far to the left and right of their work area so no rain would get inside my house or fall on the window frames they needed to paint. It took them less than 30 minutes to construct the lean-to. Clever indeed, and it allowed them to get the job done a day early.

A few months ago, a Seattle entrepreneur scheduled two phone consultation

calls with me. He was about to start building a wood foundation for a stunning cedar shed kit he purchased online. It just so happens this time of year, the fall can be very wet in the Northwest.

He asked me how he could keep the project moving and not allow the days and days of rain to put the project behind or get the cedar wet. I told him how he could build a very simple pup-tent design using a giant fiberglass tarp, some rope and a few 4x4 posts. He built an inverted V shelter in less than two hours that was both wind- and rainproof. He sent me photos of the finished shed under the tarp. It brought a smile to my face, to say the least.

Lastly, here in my town in rural New Hampshire, work has been going on for months on a foundation for a giant new garage and service center for the town public works trucks.

Two weeks ago, I saw workers building an ingenious triangle-shaped structure around the poured foundation. It was done to create a warm environment for laying concrete blocks. The project is months behind schedule because of a pier-drilling mistake, so not a day can be lost to the weather.

The laborers did a fantastic job building this simple structure from sheets of plastic and some 2x4s. It turned out to be windproof, and the concrete block thought it was being laid in June, it was so balmy under the plastic with the heaters on.

Should you decide to build shelters as I just described, keep the wind in mind. You must be sure your structure doesn't blow over or get ripped to shreds. There are plenty of online videos out there that give you tips on how to prevent this. Good luck and get'er done!

ASK THE PLUMBER

Installing a kitchen faucet to fit the available holes

By Ed Del Grande
Tribune News Service

Q: I was able to buy a new cast-iron kitchen sink at a discount price. But the new kitchen sink only has one sink hole for the faucet. I'm used to seeing more holes in the sink rim. What type of kitchen faucet do I get to fit this style of sink?

A: With a new kitchen sink and faucet, usually you pick out a faucet and order a sink with the correct number of faucet holes.

When you just need a new kitchen faucet, all you have to do is order a faucet style to fit the existing sink.

Here are some suggestions for matching up a kitchen faucet that can fit your one-hole kitchen sink.

Four-hole mounting: Four holes can accommodate a two-handle faucet with a remote spray head. Or, a faucet with a deck plate can cover three holes, with the last hole for the spray.

Three-hole mounting: Use


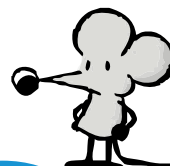


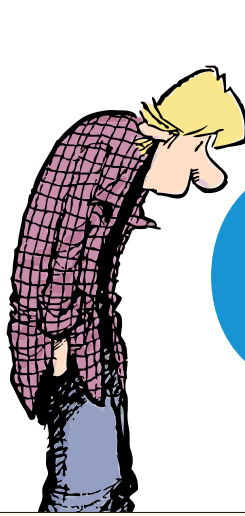
a two-handle faucet without a spray, or a single-handle control with a separate spout and spray.

Two-hole mounting: A single-handle faucet with a side spray can fit. Finally, a single-hole sink uses a single-handle faucet with a pullout spray spout to give you a hole-in-one install.

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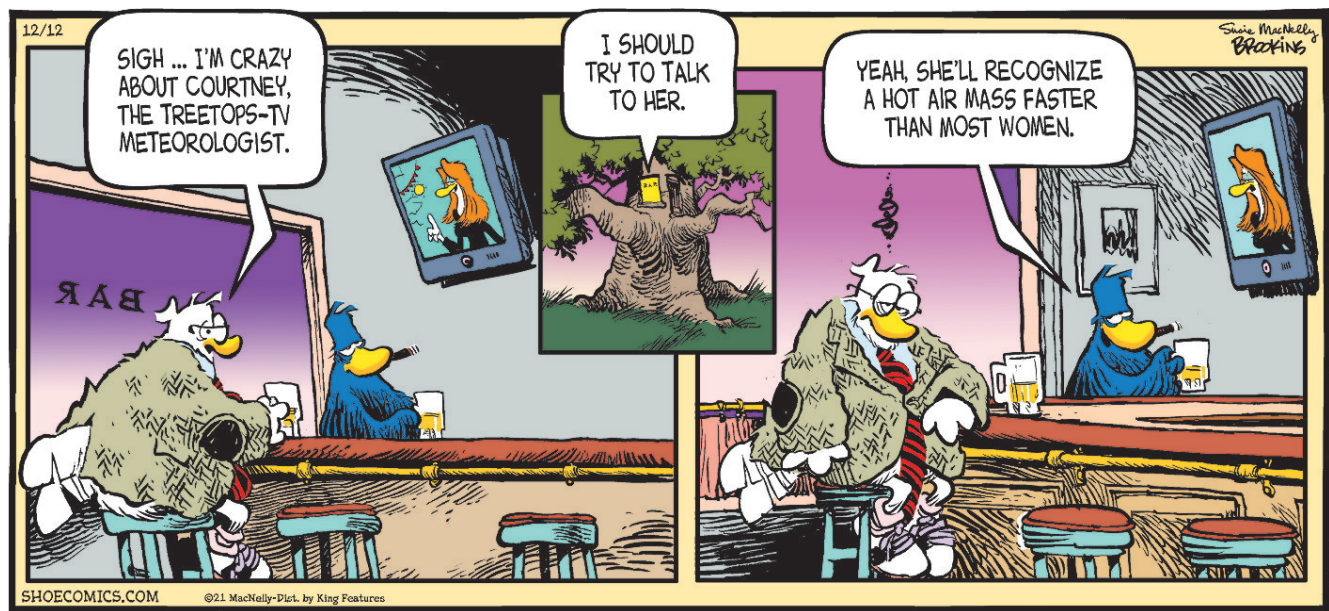
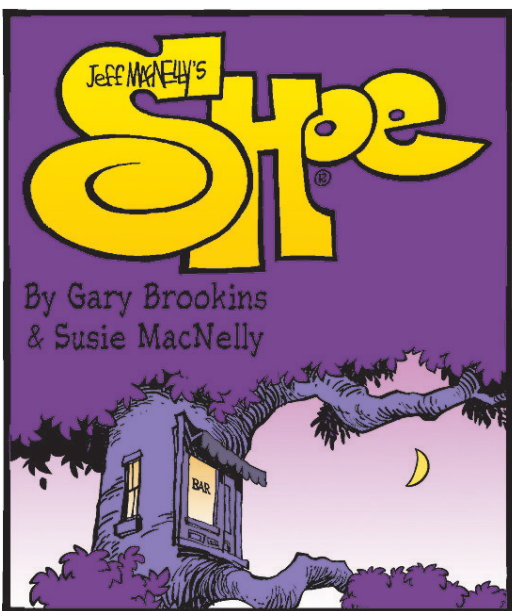
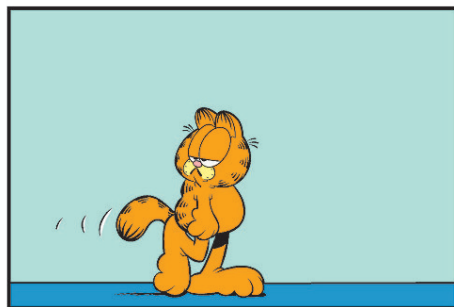
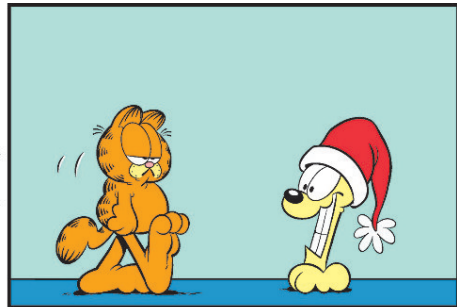
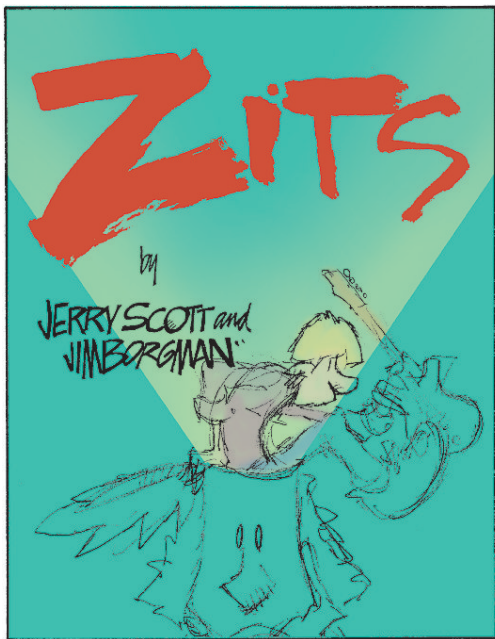
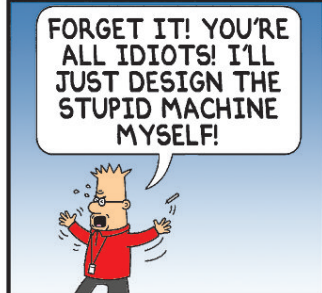
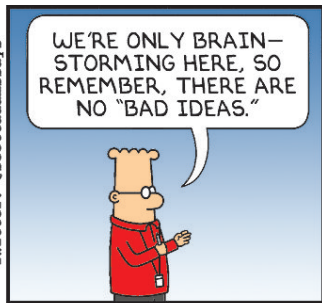
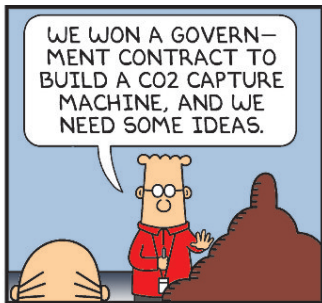
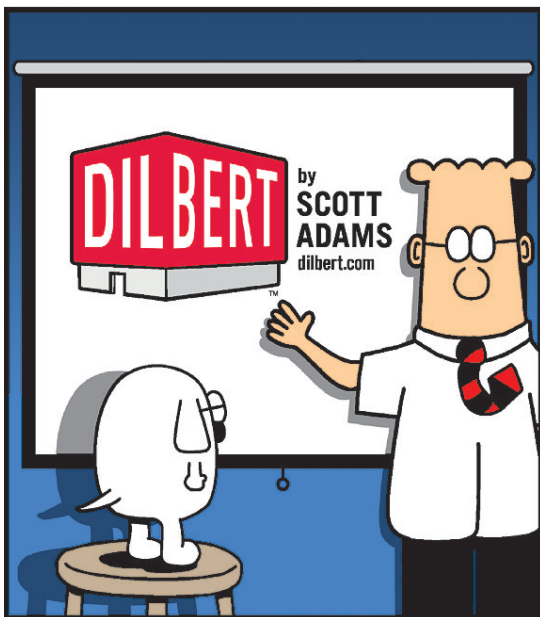
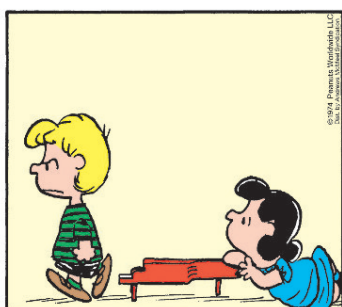
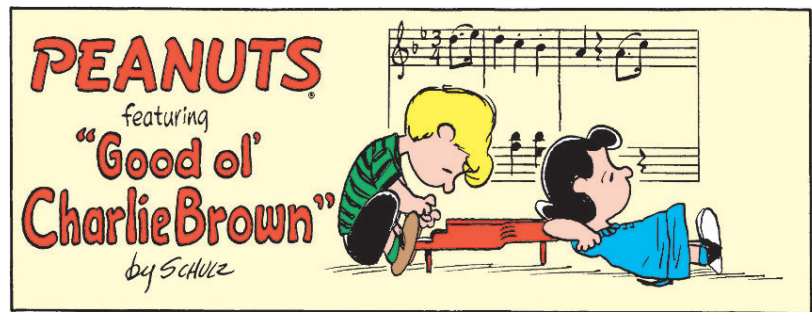
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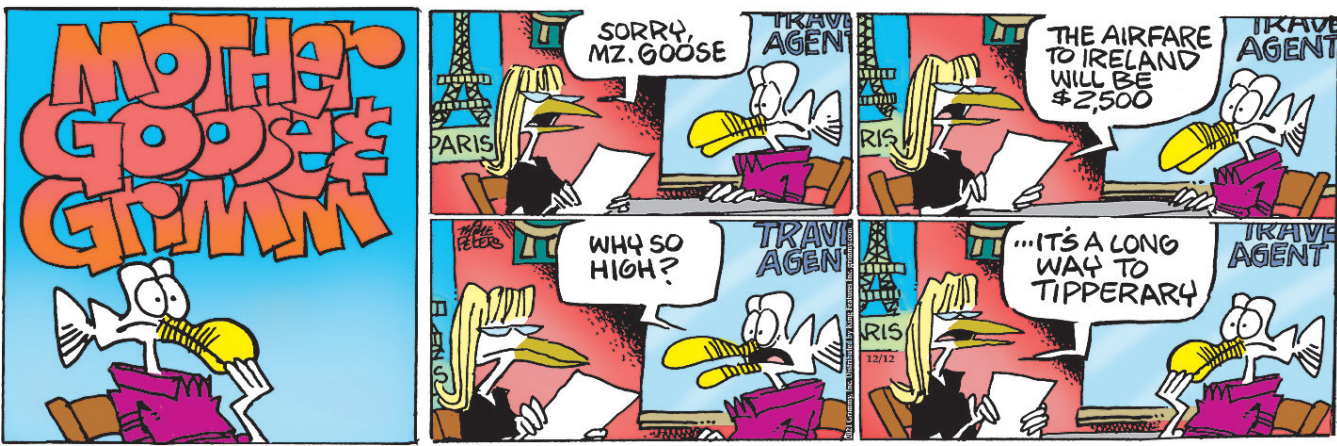
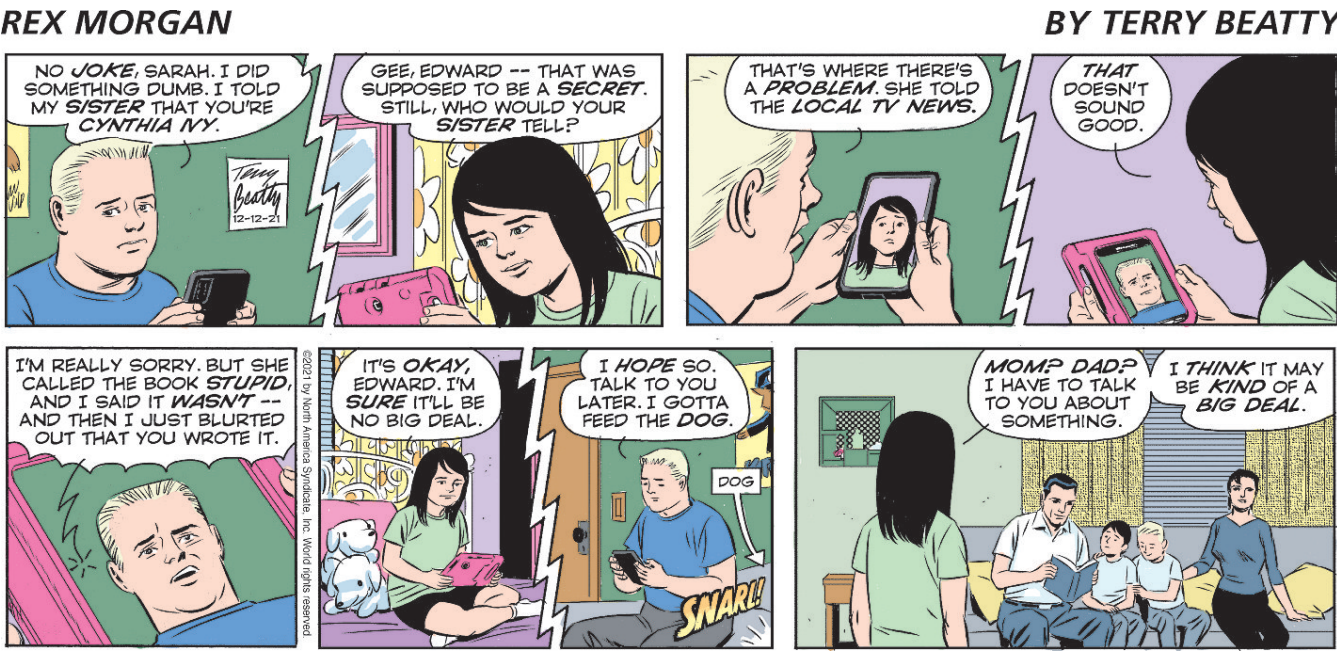
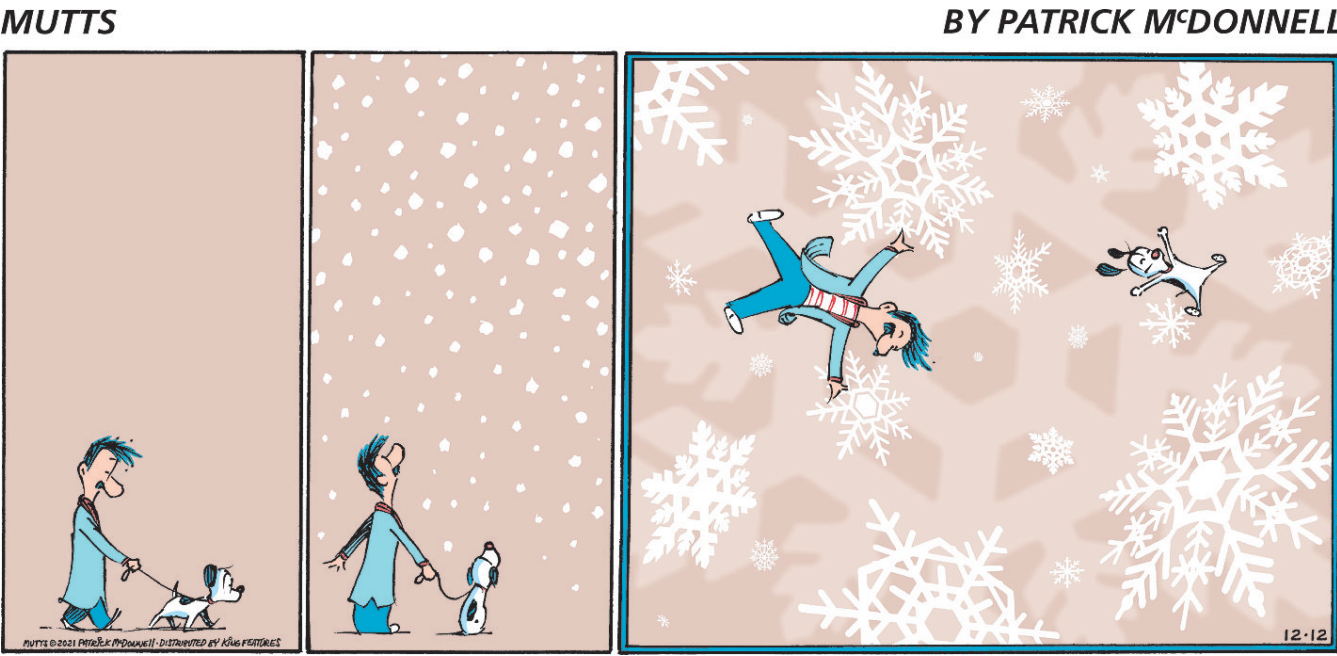
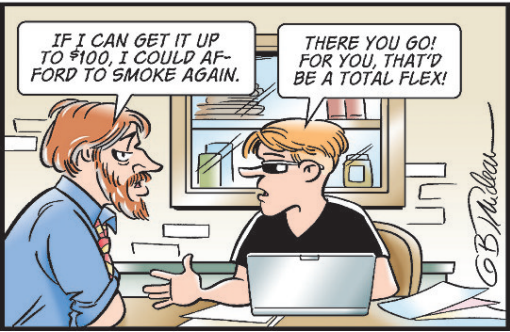
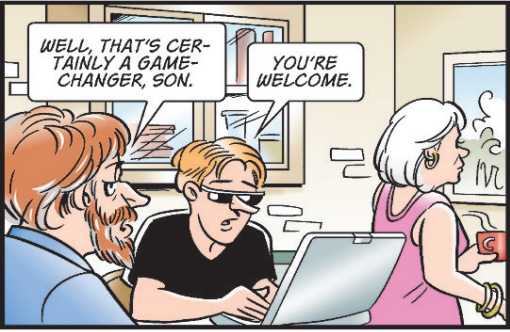
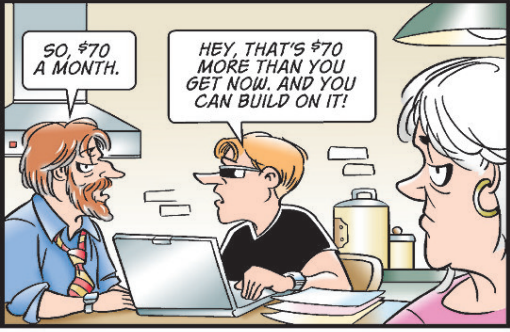
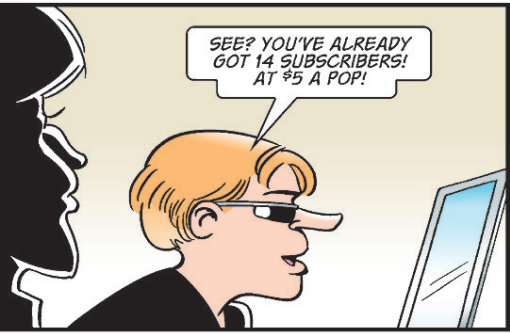
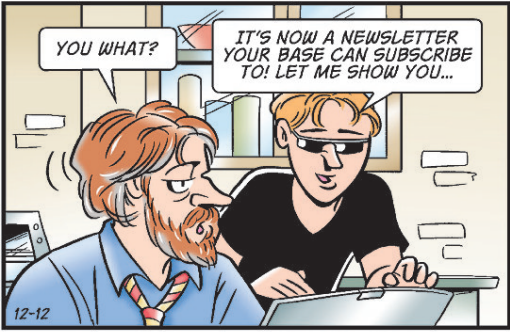
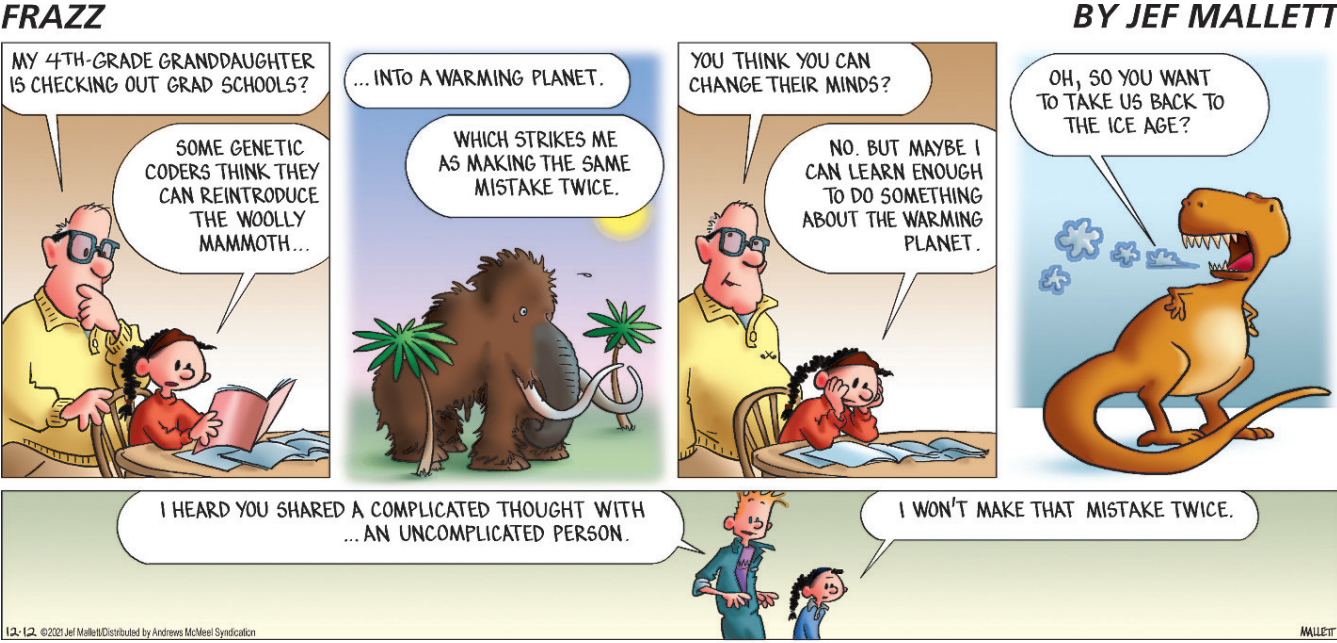
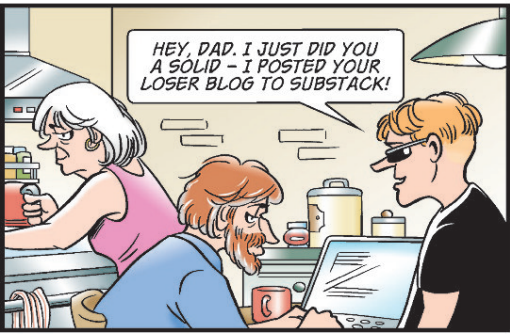
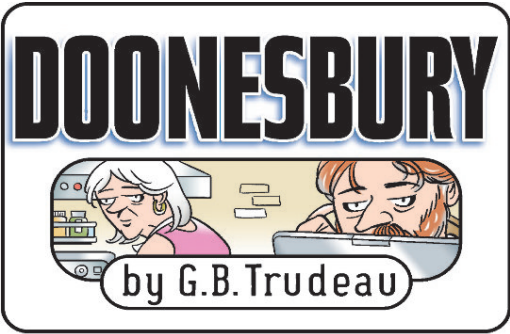
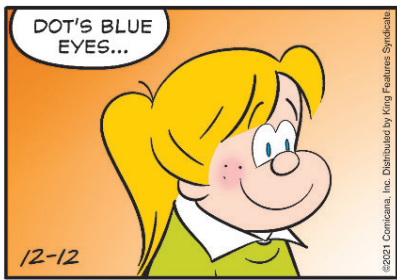
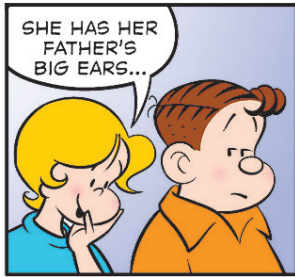
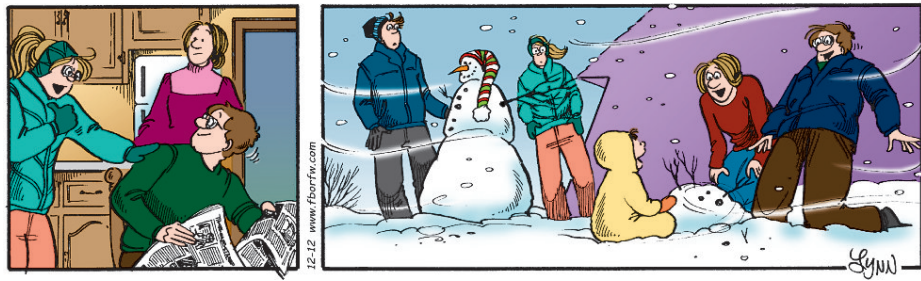
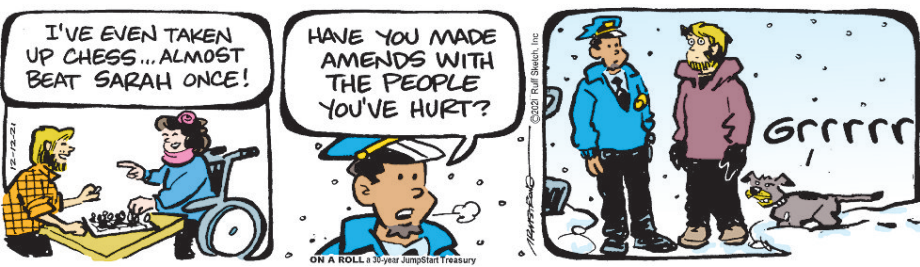
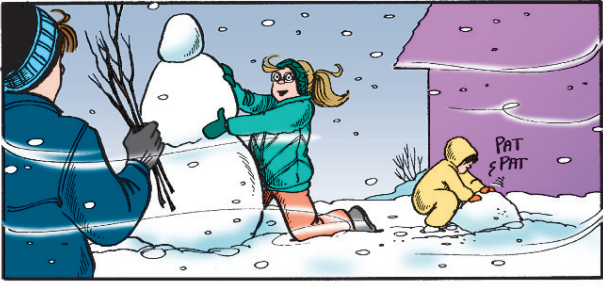
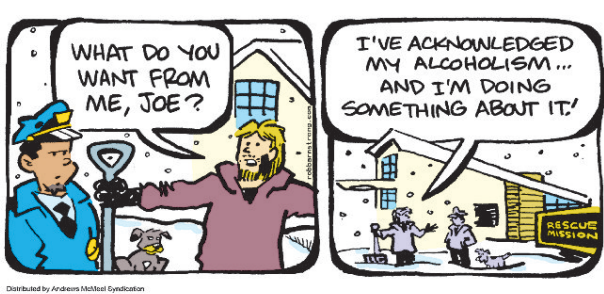
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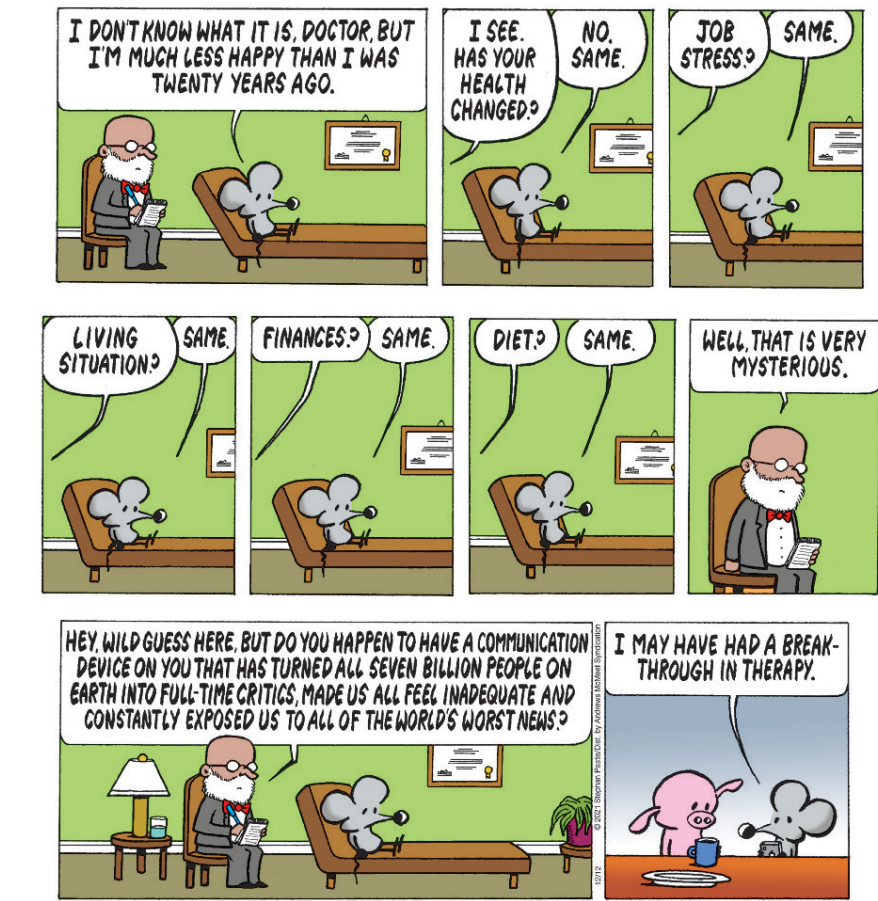
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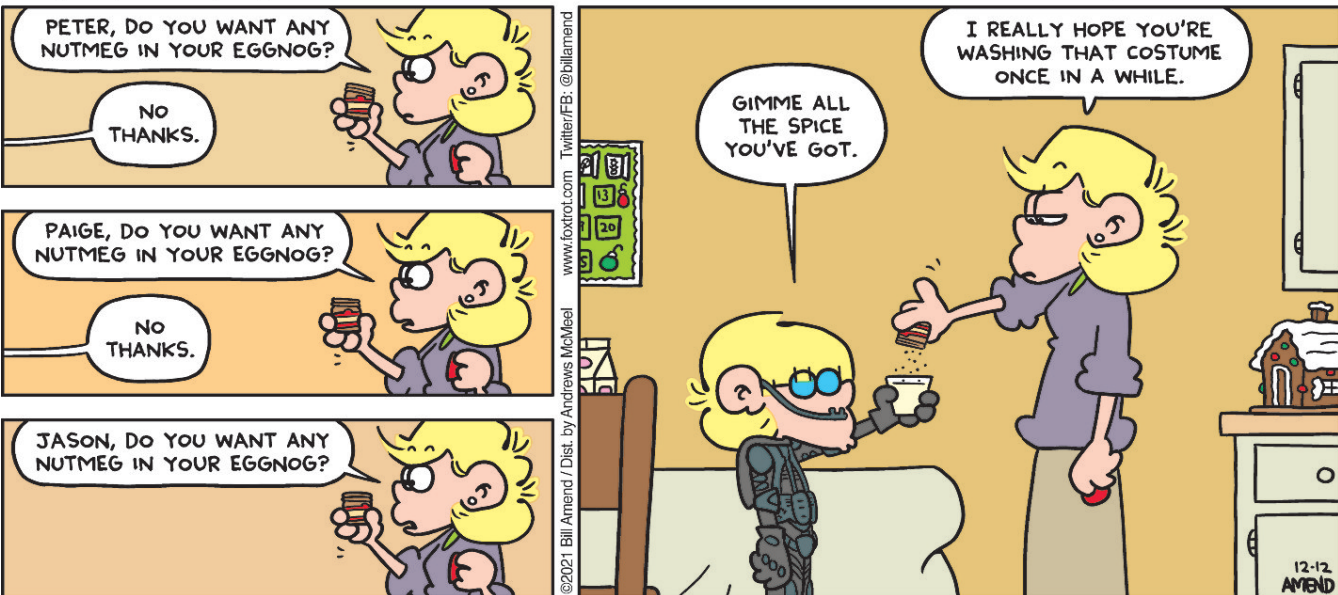
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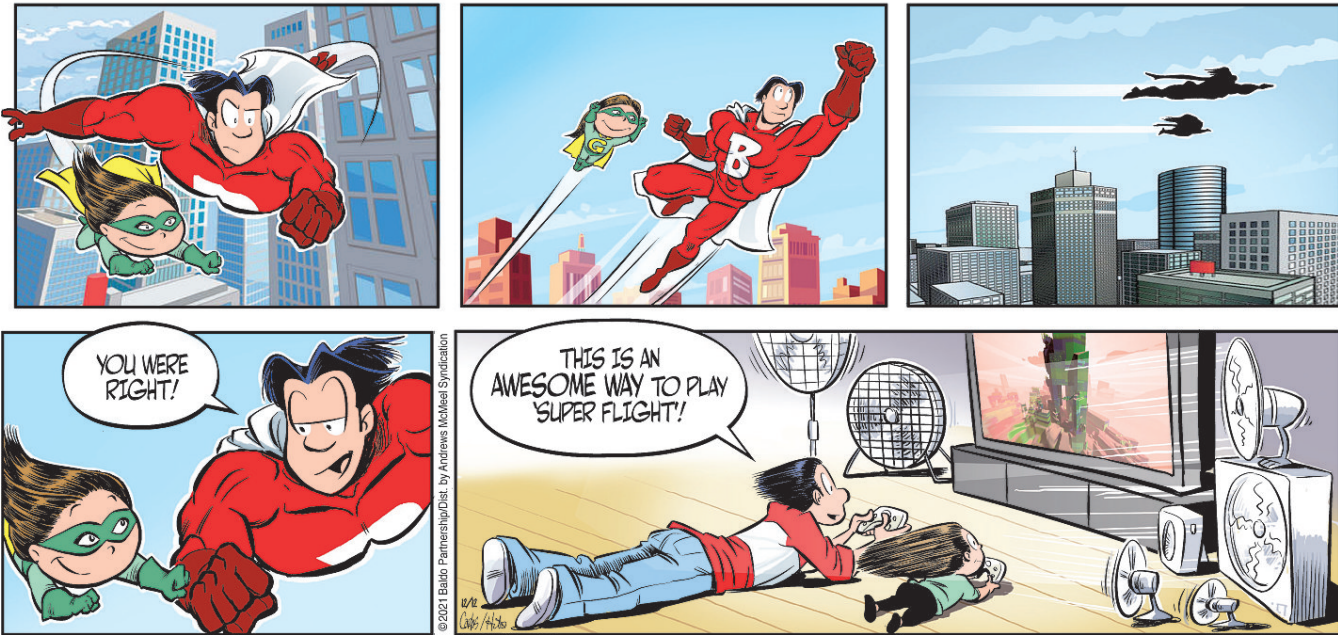
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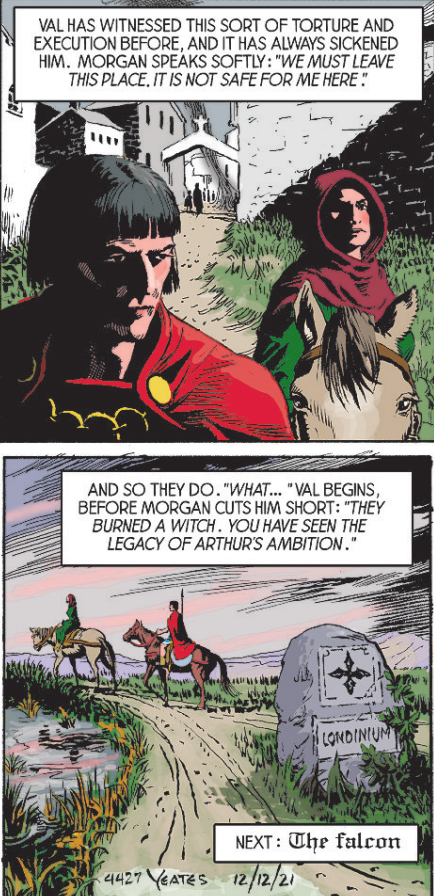


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LILY RABE

The *American Horror Story* and *The Undoing* star heads back to the '70s in director George Clooney's *The Tender Bar* (in theaters Dec. 17). Rabe, 39, plays a single mom in the coming-of-age story in which her bartender brother (Ben Affleck) and the patrons of his Long Island tavern do their best to help raise her son, J.R. (played by different actors at various ages and stages).



What do you hope viewers take from *The Tender Bar*? It's such a delicate story told with so much restraint, and so much ease. It's done with such a light touch. There's nothing that's ever drilled into the audience's head about what you're supposed to feel. I think every person will have a slightly different and completely personal experience.

J.R.'s mother has a fierce love for him, but what else drives her? She has this wonderful willfulness and optimism. She says early in the film, "Tomorrow is another day." That's something she says to J.R. all the time. It's like a refrain for him and for her. She wants to keep marching forward and she wants things to get better.

What is George Clooney like as a director? Such an incredible leader. He creates this world both in the film and on the set that is so secure and confident that everyone knows their footing. You know that the ground beneath you is safe because George has built the foundation.

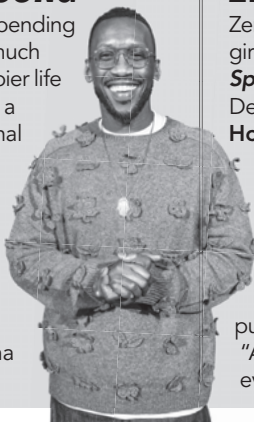
What was it like working with Ben Affleck? Go to ***Parade.com/rabe*** to find out.

You just finished the 10th season of *American Horror Story*. What is it like to reach that milestone?

I can't believe it. It's such a wonderful job because it's not like being on another show for 10 seasons where you're playing the same role; each season is its own thing. It became the gift that kept on giving because I got to come back and come back and come back.

MAHERSHALA ALI'S SWAN SONG

Swan Song (Dec. 17 on Apple TV+), a genre-bending drama set in the near future, explores how much someone is willing to sacrifice to make a happier life for loved ones. Lead star Ali plays Cameron, a husband and father diagnosed with a terminal illness. A scientist (Glenn Close) presents him with an alternative solution to spare his family from grief. "He has to keep a big secret to himself and feels isolated and doesn't have a lot of outlets for processing his emotions with people," says Ali, 47, who received Oscars for his roles in *Green Book* and *Moonlight*. The film also stars Awkwafina and Naomie Harris.



ZENDAYA & SPIDER-MAN

Zendaya, who has been playing Spider-Man's girlfriend, MJ, since she was 19, returns for ***Spider-Man: No Way Home*** (in theaters Dec. 17). In the third film starring **Tom Holland** as the web-slinging superhero, his personal life gets complicated when his identity is revealed, causing him to turn to Doctor Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch) for help. "Everybody around him, who cares about him and loves him, gets put into danger," says Zendaya, 25. "As soon as they get to be in love, everything else starts to crumble."



BRADLEY COOPER

The psychological thriller *Nightmare Alley* (in theaters Dec. 17) examines the underbelly of 1940s society through the story of a charismatic carnival worker, Stanton Carlisle (Cooper), who hooks up with a psychiatrist (Cate Blanchett) to grift the wealthy elite of New York. Here are some fun facts about Cooper, 46, nominated for eight Oscars, including Best Actor for *A Star Is Born*, *Silver Linings Playbook* and *American Hustle*.

First television credit: In 1999, he was "Jake the downtown smoker" on *Sex and the City*.



► Cooper played Will Tippin in the J.J. Abrams spy series ***Alias*** for three seasons, starting in 2001. He has said that co-star **Jennifer Garner** was one of the first people he met in L.A.



In *A Star Is Born* (2018), Cooper's real-life labradoodle, Charlie, played the dog adopted by Jackson and Ally (Lady Gaga).

► He auditioned to play the title role in **Green Lantern** (2011) but lost out to **Ryan Reynolds**.



In 2006, Cooper appeared on Broadway with Paul Rudd and Julia Roberts in *Three Days of Rain*.



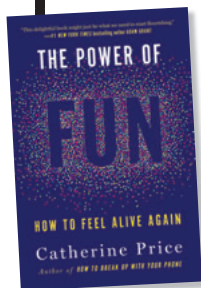
◀ Cooper became a father at age 42 when his now ex-girlfriend, actress **Irina Shayk**, gave birth to their daughter, **Lea de Seine Shayk Cooper**, in March 2017.

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A RECIPE
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Sometimes what's supposed to be the jolliest time of the year turns into a mad rush that's not so fun. Science journalist **Catherine Price**, author of *The Power of Fun: How to Feel Alive Again* (The Dial Press, Dec. 21), \$27, has the antidote for that: Put down your attention-seeking phones, apps and other media and focus on real fun, what she calls "the confluence of playfulness, connection and flow." Here's her advice for finding more "true fun" in your daily life. —Dillon Dodson

GET MOVING Physical movement and/or being outdoors contribute to fun, Price's research confirms. Try activities such as biking or swing dancing or even cleaning the house to your favorite music. Or simply take a walk outside and breathe some fresh air.

LOOK FOR JOY Take note of what makes you happy. "Calling out those tiny moments and giving them weight really boosts my mood," Price says. "I encourage people to keep a journal to note these moments throughout your day."

CONNECT COVID-induced quarantine has increased feelings of isolation, but (safe) human connection will always be important. "In my own research, when people described past experiences of true fun, the vast majority involved other people, even for self-described introverts," Price says.

AND DISCONNECT She calls binge-watching and social media interaction "fake fun." Those activities "are designed to be very compelling and make you want to consume it in excess, but it makes you feel worse afterwards," she says. Recognize fake fun and start to replace it with real-life interaction or other more tangible things that give you joy.

DECOUPLE MONEY FROM TIME "We've been conditioned to believe that any use of time that does not result in being financially compensated is not good." But when expensive products are marketed to us as enjoyable, how much more do we work to pay for them? "Fun actually boosts our productivity because it lets us take a break. It's much more restorative than other things we do with our leisure time. But it should be its own reward."

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What America Eats

Retro
HOLIDAY
HAM



This old-school twice-baked ham, from the new cookbook *Tasty Over the Top*, is fun to make and serve. You can bake the ham a day ahead, cool and refrigerate. Then swaddle it in pastry and bake again.

PASTRY-WRAPPED HOLIDAY HAM WITH CIDER GLAZE

Arrange rack in center of oven; preheat oven to 350°F. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper.

In a small bowl, whisk together ¼ cup packed **light brown sugar** and ¼ cup **Dijon mustard** until combined.

Score top of 1 (1½- to 2-lb) **smoked boneless ham** diagonally in one direction, making cuts about 1 inch apart and ¼ inch deep; then score diagonally in opposite direction. Brush ham all over with mustard mixture. Set ham on prepared baking sheet. Bake 20–30 minutes or until golden brown and an instant-read thermometer inserted into thickest part registers 160°F.

On a clean work surface, spread 1 (8-oz) tube **crescent roll dough** as one intact sheet. Remove ham from oven. Use tongs to transfer ham to center of dough. Wrap dough around ham to cover; brush with 1 **large egg**, beaten. Return ham to oven. Bake 20 minutes or until pastry crust is golden brown and flaky.

Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan over medium-high, combine 1 cup **apple cider**, ⅓ cup **apple cider vinegar**, ⅓ cup **honey**, 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard and 1 tsp **chili powder**. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer 10 minutes or until sauce is slightly reduced and thickened.

Transfer ham to a serving platter. Set a **pineapple ring** on surface of ham. Hold a **maraschino cherry** in center of ring; secure with a toothpick to hold in place. Repeat to cover ham. Serve with cider glaze. **Serves 4.**

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WELCOME TO 1883

TIM & FAITH GO WEST

Country music couple Tim McGraw and Faith Hill on starring in the prequel to TV's *Yellowstone* and keeping the spice in their marriage.

BY MARA REINSTEIN

The phrase “pillow talk” takes on new meaning when you and your spouse have just spent the day outside in blustery Montana dressed in 19th-century garb filming a highly dramatic scene for one of this year’s most anticipated TV series.

“We were in bed last night and talked [about the scene] for two hours,” Tim McGraw says. “I told Faith, ‘This is incredible. How many married couples ever get a chance to do what we’re doing right now?’”

Chalk it up to another milestone for McGraw and Faith Hill, the married country music power duo of 25 years and parents of three daughters. They’ve amassed eight Grammys (five for her; three for him), 14 Country Music Association (CMA) Awards and have matching stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Now they’re starring in the sprawling new Western series *1883* (premiering Dec. 19 on Paramount+). A prequel to the Emmy-nominated saga *Yellowstone*, it centers on McGraw and Hill’s characters, James and Margaret Dutton—the ancestors of Kevin Costner’s present-day patriarchal rancher baron, John—as they make their way westward ho across the Great Plains via wagons in search of land and freedom. (Sam Elliott, Isabel May and Billy Bob Thornton round out the ensemble.) “The entire storytelling process is so authentic,” says Hill. “It feels like we’re living that life and actually in 1883.”

On this evening in November 2021, Hill and McGraw, both 54, are Zooming in separately from different locations: She’s in her trailer with dirt still caked on her face and fake blood under her fingernails; he’s eagerly waiting her return in the nearby cast lodge. It’s been another long rewarding day. “When I watch him, I’m in awe,” she says. He raves of Hill, “We were face to face and staring into each other’s eyes, and I walked away going, ‘Damn, my wife is good.’”

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WELCOME TO THE RANCH

Centering on the Dutton family's fight for control of their expansive ranch, *Yellowstone* had been on McGraw's radar from its very first episode. "I liked that it was a mix of *Game of Thrones* and *The Godfather*," he says.

So when the pair received writer-director Taylor Sheridan's pilot script, they realized it was an offer they couldn't refuse. "We were like, 'We have to go on this adventure together,'" McGraw says. Hill draws on a musical analogy: "It begins with a song. If the song is right, then you don't give it a second thought, because writing is a real craft that should be respected. We read the material and we were like, 'How can we not do it?'"

Hill and McGraw uprooted from their home in Nashville in August to begin production. Though living side by side in Texas and Montana, they don't run lines or ride to the set together. "We want to see what the other brings to the scene in the moment, so it's always a surprise," Hill says.

Filming 10 hour-long episodes, on location, in wintry conditions has been challenging. Hill says cast members blow on their hands to keep warm with "snot running down our noses." Adds McGraw, "You really begin to realize that people sacrificed everything on these wagon trains. Human nature is revealed."

The couple was even on the clock on Oct. 6—their 25th wedding anniversary—on location in Texas. They would not have had it any other way: "What more could you ask for? We're working together on our 25th anniversary on an incredible show with great people," Hill says. Besides, their daughters, Grace, 24, Maggie, 23, and Audrey, 20, flew in to celebrate.

MARRIAGE IN THE STARS

Although Hill and McGraw don't make a habit of overthinking their relationship—"We love one another and that's just part of our life," Hill says—they did know early on that they were destined to be together.

Both are products of blue-collar families in the Deep South—or, as Hill puts it, "We have very, very, very similar humble beginnings." Hill, born Audrey Faith Perry, was adopted as an infant and grew up in Star, Miss.; McGraw is a Louisiana native and was raised by his waitress mom, Elizabeth, and his truck-driver stepdad, Horace. (At 11, he learned his biological father was Major League Baseball pitcher Tug McGraw.)

McGraw never fathomed he could make a career out of his voice until he got to college at Northeast Louisiana University and started playing guitar—which he bought for \$25. "I learned 50 songs and it worked really well with the girls," he jokes. He dropped out a few years later and was signed by a Nashville label in 1990 at age 23. (McGraw toted that same beloved guitar to Montana to work on his next album.)

A few years earlier, 19-year-old Hill arrived in Nashville. She took orders at McDonald's, became a secretary at a music publishing company and eventually sang backup for songwriter Gary Burr when he performed at Nashville's Blue-

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In 2001, Hill and McGraw shared a Grammy for their duet "Let's Make Love," and she won Best Country Album and Vocal Performance.



TIM & FAITH QUICK HITS

Favorite rom-com

McGraw: "What's that Christmas movie with the English guy who's a singer? *Love Actually*?"



Last TV binge

McGraw: "*Bridgerton*. It was very sexy. And for a 54-year-old married couple watching that show, it led to a lot of good nights."

Best part about living in Nashville

McGraw: "The camaraderie, the friendship and the music."
Hill: "It's where we raised our children!"



Book you read to your girls when they were young

McGraw: "I read the *Harry Potter* books to them."
Hill: "*The Little House* [by Virginia Lee Burton]. I read it when I was a child."

Last time you were starstruck

McGraw: "When [co-star] Sam Elliott showed up on the set of *1883*. He's such a stud."

Favorite off-hours activity

McGraw: Fishing
Hill: Painting, drawing, photography

Favorite family activity

Hill: Playing trivia games
McGraw: Cooking

White lights or colored lights on a tree?

Hill: "We've gone back and forth, but the last few years have been colored."
McGraw: "Colored lights."

Christmas Eve meal

McGraw: "Our tradition is meatballs and pasta."



Favorite Christmas song

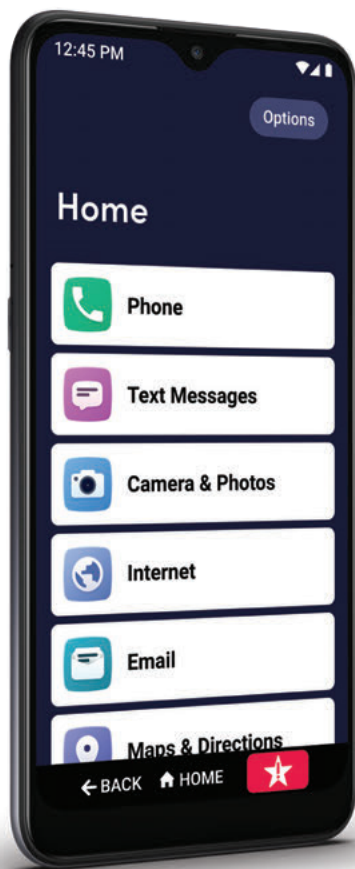
McGraw: "Away in a Manger"

Spiked eggnog or mulled wine?

Hill: "Spicy mulled wine. I discovered it in Vienna and I'm still trying to find the best recipe for it. If anyone who reads this has a great one, please send it to me because I want to know!"

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bird Cafe. She released her first album, *Take Me as I Am*, in 1993.

McGraw and Hill fell in love in 1996 during a tour. She accepted his marriage proposal at a music festival in Colorado. But before they wed, they had The Talk. "We discussed the odds of two people in the same industry doing the same exact thing for a living," says Hill. "Even with our exploding careers, having a family was our number one priority. And we established how we could make it work."

McGraw marvels at his wife's family-first mentality: "When she won three Grammys in one night I was really proud of her. But I'm most proud of her as a mom because that's where her heart is and where she spends her energy."

ALL IS BRIGHT

The couple isn't too busy to routinely count their blessings. They are quick to brag about their daughters. "They're very independent and strong-minded young women," McGraw says. Referencing his 2016 hit "Humble and Kind," McGraw shares that his daughters have helped him: "I can fail at being humble sometimes, but then I look to them, and I look forward. They're like a beacon."

And they are thankful for each other. "To do this series together is really special. I can't imagine doing it without my wife," McGraw says. Hill adds, "I know no matter what happens, I'm his biggest cheerleader and he's mine."

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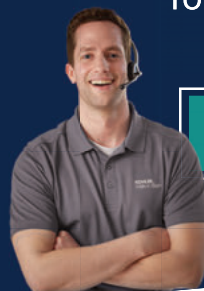
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